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**An Act relating to Masters and Apprentices in Upper Canada, and to define their respective Rights and Duties.**

**W**HEREAS divers Statutes passed in England regu- Preamble.  
lating the respective duties of Master and Apprentice,  
do not extend to and are not in force within that portion  
of this Province formerly known as Upper Canada: And  
5 whereas the Law of England in that behalf is unsuited to  
the wants of the said portion of this Province: And  
whereas numbers of destitute persons have hitherto  
emigrated are now emigrating and are expected here-  
after to emigrate to the said portion of this Province:  
10 And whereas the children of such persons, and many  
others in the said portion of this Province, owing to the  
death, desertion or poverty of their parents and relations,  
are without any proper means of support: And whereas  
the sufferings of such persons might be removed or  
15 alleviated, and the community in general benefited, if  
such persons could be in some simple manner effectually  
bound apprentice to persons capable of taking apprentices,  
and willing to take them as such; but such persons who  
would be otherwise willing, are now deterred from doing  
20 so, because no adequate protection is afforded their  
interests, nor will the law compel such Apprentices to  
abide by or perform the condition of their apprenticeship,  
though ever so reasonable: And whereas it would be for  
the benefit of the inhabitants of the said portion of this  
25 Province in general, and that class thereof in particular  
who now are, or hereafter may be, engaged in some  
trade, manufacture or mystery, and who occupy, or  
may hereafter occupy, the relative positions of Mas-  
ter and Apprentice, that their respective rights and  
30 duties in that behalf should be ascertained and  
defined by one general law; for remedy thereof,  
Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Ex-  
cellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of

All persons,  
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