

The Powers of the present Legislature of Lower Canada suspended.

most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from the Proclamation of this Act in the said Province as herein-after provided, until the First Day of *November* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty, so much of the said Act of the Thirty-first Year of King *George* the Third, and of any other Act or Acts of Parliament, as constitutes or provides for the Constitution or calling of a Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly for the Province of *Lower Canada*, or as confers any Powers or Functions upon the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, or either of those Bodies, shall cease and be of no force.

Her Majesty may appoint a special Council for the Affairs of Lower Canada.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Commission or Commissions to be from Time to Time issued under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, or by any Instructions under Her Majesty's Signet and Sign Manual, and with the Advice of Her Privy Council, to constitute a special Council for the Affairs of *Lower Canada*, and for that Purpose to appoint or authorize the Governor of the Province of *Lower Canada* to appoint such and so many special Councillors as to Her Majesty shall seem meet, and to make such Provision as to Her Majesty shall seem meet for the Removal, Suspension, or Resignation of all or any such Councillors. 3

The Governor and Council may make Laws or Ordinances for the Government of Lower Canada.

III. And be it enacted, That from and after such Proclamation as aforesaid, and until the said First Day of *November* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty, it shall be lawful for the Governor of the Province of *Lower Canada*, with the Advice and Consent of the Majority of the said Councillors present at a Meeting or Meetings to be for that Purpose from Time to Time convened by the Governor of the said Province, to make such Laws or Ordinances for the Peace, Welfare, and good Government of the said Province of *Lower Canada* as the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, as now constituted, is empowered to make; and that all Laws or Ordinances so made, subject to the Provisions herein-after contained for Disallowance thereof by Her Majesty, shall have the like Force and Effect as Laws passed before the passing of this Act by the Legislative Council and Assembly of the said Province of *Lower Canada*, and assented to by Her Majesty, or in Her Majesty's Name by the Governor of the said Province: Provided always, that no such Law or Ordinance shall be made unless the same shall have been first proposed by the said Governor for Adoption by the Council, nor unless 4