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More effectually to prevent Bribery and Corruption in the Election of Members to serve in the Assembly of this Province, and for further securing the freedom of such Elections.

WHEREAS the provisions of the Act passed in the forty-seventh year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to provide Re-
 " turning Officers for the Election of Knights,
 " Citizens and Burgesses to serve in the House of
 " Assembly, and to regulate Elections, to be held
 " for that purpose," have not been found sufficient to prevent illegal and corrupt practices in the Election of Members to serve in the Assembly of this Province, and to secure the freedom of such Elections; for remedy therefore of so great an evil, and to the end that all Elections of Members to serve in the said Assembly, may hereafter be freely and indifferently made without charge or expense, be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act
 " passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign,
 " intituled, "*An Act for making more effectual provi-
 " sion for the government of the Province of Quebec, in
 " North-America,*" and to make further provision for
 " the government of the said Province;" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that any person having or claiming to have a right to vote or be polled at such Election shall, before he is admitted to poll at the same Election, take all or any of the following oaths (or being one of the persons called Quakers, shall solemnly affirm) in case the same shall be demanded by any or either of the Candidates, or on their behalf, or by any two Electors; that is to say:

" You shall swear (or being one of the people called
 " Quakers, you shall solemnly Affirm,) that your
 " name is (specify the addition,
 " profession or trade of such person) that the place of
 " your abode is at in the County of
 " (and if it is in a Town, specify
 " what street) and that you are of the full age of twenty-
 " one years, and that you have not voted before at
 " this Election."

" You shall swear, (or being one of the people called
 " Quakers, you solemnly affirm,) that your name is
 " (specify the addition, profession or
 " trade of such person,) that the place of your abode
 " is at in the County of
 " (and if it is in a Town specify what street) that you
 " are possessed, for your own use and benefit of Lands
 " or tenements, lying and being at in the
 " County of adjoining on one side to
 " Lands or tenements, occupied by
 " and on the other to which