

Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, and Passed in Special Council, under the Great Seal of the Province, at the Government House, in the City of Montreal, the twenty-third day of April, in the first year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clerk Special Council.

CAP. II.

An Ordinance to authorize the apprehending and detention of Persons charged with High Treason, Suspicion of High Treason, Misprision of High Treason, and Treasonable Practices, and to suspend for a limited time, as to such persons, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned.

Preamble.

Persons in
custody on
charges of
high treason,

WHEREAS divers Persons charged with High Treason, Suspicion of High Treason, Misprision of High Treason, and Treasonable Practices, are detained in Prison, or in custody in this Province, and it is highly expedient and necessary that means should be provided for the more easily apprehending and more secure detention of such persons for a limited time, and of others who may be suspected or charged with such crimes. Therefore, for the better preservation of the Peace, and of the Laws and Liberties of this Province :—Be it Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of this Province, authorized to execute the Commission of the Governor thereof, by and with the advice and consent of the Special Council for the affairs of the said Province, constituted and assembled, by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, “ *An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada* ;”—and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, that all or any person or persons that are or shall be in prison or otherwise in custody in this Province, at or upon the day of the making and passing of this Ordinance, or after, by any warrant for