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Bill for the encouragement of learning by securing the Copies of Maps, Charts and Books, to the Authors and Proprietors of such copies during the time therein mentioned.

Preamble.

Copy right of Maps, Charts &c. secured to the Proprietors thereof during a certain period.

**W**HEREAS for the Encouragement of Learning and of Literature in this Province, it is expedient to secure Copy-rights of Maps, Charts, Books and other Literary productions to the Authors and Proprietors of the same: Be it therefore 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 provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and for making further provision for the Government of the said Province;* And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, the Author and Authors of any Map, Chart, Book or Books already printed within this Province, being a subject or subjects of His Majesty, his or their Heirs, Executors, Curators, Assigns or other legal Representatives who hath or have not transferred to any other person, the Copy-right of such Map, Chart, Book or Books share or shares thereof and any other person or persons, being a subject or subjects of His Majesty, who hath or have purchased or legally acquired the Copy-right of any such Map, Chart, Book or Books in order to print or re-print, publish or vend the same, shall have the sole right and liberty of printing, re-printing, publishing and vending such Map, Chart, Book or Books for the term of fourteen years from the recording the title thereof in the Prothonotaries' Office as is herein after directed, and that the Author and Authors of any Map, Chart, Book or Books already made and composed, and not printed or published, or that shall hereafter be made and composed by any person or persons in this Province being a subject or subjects of His Majesty, and his or their Heirs, Executors, Curators,