

An Act to amend the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts.

WHEREAS it is desirable that certain amendments should be made in the Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Acts, in reference to Cities, and further powers conferred on City Corporations, as well as certain doubts removed as to the qualifications of candidates for the offices of Aldermen and Councilmen of Municipal Corporations, Be it therefore enacted, etc., as follows :

Preamble.

For and notwithstanding anything in the fourth proviso to the seventeenth section of the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered 181, and intituled, *An Act to amend the Municipal Acts of Upper Canada*, the said proviso shall be construed to extend and apply to the qualification of candidates for the offices of Aldermen and Councillors, as well as to the qualification of voters.

To what Proviso 4, to Sec. 17 of 16 Vict. c. 181, shall apply.

II. In the eighteenth section of the said recited Act, the words "resident therein and" shall be inserted between the words "freeholders and householders of such City" and the words "seized or possessed of real estate," and that the said first mentioned words shall be and remain part of the said eighteenth section.

Sec. 18 of said Act amended.

III. The following provisos shall be added to and form part of the twenty-fifth section of the said recited Act: "Provided always, firstly, that no person shall be disqualified from being such Alderman or Councillor as aforesaid, by reason of his being a proprietor, stock or shareholder of or in any incorporated Company, which shall or may have any contract or agreement with or on behalf of any Township, County, Village, Town or City as aforesaid: and provided, secondly, that the word 'contract,' in the said twenty-fifth section, shall not extend nor be construed to extend to any lease, sale or purchase of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, or to any agreement for such lease, sale or purchase, or for the loan of money, or for any security for the payment of money only, but any Alderman or Councillor having any such interest in any such contract or agreement, as in the second proviso herein mentioned, shall not vote at any meeting of the Municipal Corporation, or any Committee thereof, of which he is such Alderman or Councillor, on any question arising upon, from or out of such contract or agreement in which he is so interested as aforesaid.

Provisos to be added to Sect. 25 of said Act.

Proviso as to disqualification of Members of the Council, as Contractors, &c. with the Municipality.

IV. The office of Mayor of any Municipal Council of any City shall not become vacant by reason of the absence of such Mayor, in consequence of sickness or by leave of such Municipal Council, but in either of such cases it shall and may be lawful for such Municipal Council to appoint any Alderman President of such Council, and such Alderman, so appointed President, shall, during the absence of the Mayor, have all the powers and authorities, and exercise all the functions of such Mayor.

Absence of Mayor not to vacate the office.

Mayor pro tempore.