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To Incorporate the City of Montreal.

WHEREAS the improvement of the city of Montreal, and the comforts and convenience of its inhabitants, if more ample provision were made for levying City Assessments, and for the due appropriation of the same than hath been heretofore by Law provided, would be materially promoted: And whereas it is expedient to make more ample provision for the purposes aforesaid, by enabling the inhabitants of the said city of Montreal to levy assessments, to a limited amount, by persons freely chosen for that purpose, from among themselves—may it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted, and 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 provision 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 from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for the District of Montreal, in any General Quarter Session, or at any Special Session assembled for the purposes of this Act, to divide the said city into wards, which wards shall be numbered from one to inclusively; and shall, as nearly as circumstances and local situation will admit of, contain an equal number of inhabitants.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in order to enable the Justices of the Peace aforesaid to make an accurate division of the said city of Montreal into wards as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Justices of the Peace, and they are hereby required to cause a Census of the population of the said City of Montreal to be taken forthwith after the passing of this Act; the expences of which Census shall be paid out of the funds in the hands of the Road Treasurer for the aforesaid city of Montreal.