

BILL.

An Act to amend the Law, and facilitate proceedings in actions of Dower, in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS it is expedient and necessary Preamble.
to alter the Law of Dower, and to give a more easy and less expensive remedy for the recovery thereof than now exists by law,
5 in that part of this Province formerly the Province of Upper Canada:—Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That no Widow shall be entitled to
10 Dower out of any land which shall have been absolutely disposed of by her husband in his life time for a valuable consideration. Of what lands the Widow shall not have dower.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act shall
15 extend to the Dower of any Widow whose husband shall die after the passing of this Act, and shall make any deed, contract or engagement, executed, made or entered into before the passing of this Act, by any husband who shall die after the passing of this Act, as valid
20 and effectual to bar or affect the right of his Widow to Dower, as if such deed, contract or engagement had been executed, made or entered into after this Act was passed. To what cases this Act shall extend.

III. And be it enacted, That the first or
25 original process in actions of Dower at law, shall be in the form given in the Schedules to this Act, and shall and may be issued in the Court of Queen's Bench, out of the office of the Clerk of the Crown or of any Deputy
30 Clerk of the Crown in any District, either as an original or *testatum* writ, as the case may be, in the same manner as any writ of mesne process in any personal action may now be issued by law. What shall be the first process in actions of Dower.