

Her Majesty, before the Time to be appointed for the First Meeting of the said Legislative Council and Assembly, by an Instrument under the Sign Manual, to authorize the Governor, in Her Majesty's Name, by an Instrument under the Great Seal of the said Province, to summon to the said Legislative Council of the said Province such Persons, being not fewer than Twenty, as Her Majesty shall think fit; and that it shall also be lawful for Her Majesty from Time to Time to authorize the Governor in like Manner to summon to the said Legislative Council such other Person or Persons as Her Majesty shall think fit, and that every Person who shall be so summoned shall thereby become a Member of the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada*: Provided always, that no Person shall be summoned to the said Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada* who shall not be of the full Age of Twenty-one Years, and a natural-born Subject of Her Majesty, or a Subject of Her Majesty naturalized by Act of the Parliament of *Great Britain*, or by Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or by an Act of the Legislature of either of the Provinces of *Upper* or *Lower Canada*, or by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of *Canada*.

Legislative
Councillors.

Qualification
of Legisla-
tive Coun-
cillors.

V. And be it enacted, That every Member of the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada* shall hold his Seat therein for the Term of his Life, but subject nevertheless to the Provisions hereinafter contained for vacating the same.

Tenure of
Office of
Councillor.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Member of the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada* to resign his Seat in the said Legislative Council, and upon such Resignation the Seat of such Legislative Councillor shall become vacant.

Resignation
of Legisla-
tive Coun-
cillor.

VII. And be it enacted, That if any Legislative Councillor of the Province of *Canada* shall for Two successive Sessions of the Legislature of the said Province fail to give his Attendance in the said Legislative Council, without the Permission of Her Majesty or of the Governor of the said Province, signified by the said Governor to the Legislative Council, or shall take any Oath or make any Declaration or Acknowledgment of Allegiance, Obedience, or Adherence to any Foreign Prince or Power, or shall do, concur in, or adopt any Act whereby he may become a Subject or Citizen of any Foreign State or Power, or whereby he may become entitled to the Rights, Privileges, or Immunities of a Subject or Citizen of any Foreign State or Power, or shall become bankrupt, or take the Benefit of any Law relating to Insolvent Debtors, or become a public Defaulter, or be attainted of Treason, or be convicted of Felony or of any infamous Crime, his Seat in such Council shall thereby become vacant.

Vacating
Seat by
Absence.

VIII. And be it enacted, That any Question which shall arise respecting any Vacancy in the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada*, on occasion of any of the Matters aforesaid, shall be referred by the Governor of the Province of *Canada* to the said Legislative Council, to be by the said Legislative Council heard and determined: Provided always, that it shall be lawful, either for the Person respecting whose Seat such Question shall have arisen,

Trial of
Questions.