

CAP. XXI.

An Act to render the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Master of the Rolls, independent of the Crown, and to provide for their removal.

(Passed the 3rd day of April, 1848.)

WHEREAS, it is expedient to render the Judges of the Supreme Court of Preamble.
Judicature, in this Province, and the Master of the Rolls, independent of the Crown :

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, Judges of Sup. Court
That the Judges of the Supreme Court, and also the Master of the Rolls, shall, and Master of the
from and after the passing of this Act, hold their Offices during their good be- Rolls to hold Office
haviour, notwithstanding the Commissions which have heretofore been granted to during good beha-
them, or either of them, may specify that the Office is to be held during the plea- viour.
sure of Her Majesty, and that from and after the passing of this Act, the Com-
missions to the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Master of the Rolls, shall
be made to them respectively, to hold during their good behaviour, and that the
Commissions of the said Judges of the Supreme Court, and Master of the Rolls,
for the time being, shall be, continue, and remain in full force during their good
behaviour, notwithstanding the demise of Her Majesty, or any of Her Heirs and
Successors, any Law, usage, or practice, to the contrary thereof in any wise not-
withstanding: *Provided always*, That it may be lawful for the Governor to re-
move any Judge of the said Supreme Court, or the Master of the Rolls, upon the Removable on Ad-
Address of the Legislative Council, and House of Assembly, and in case any dress of Assembly
Judge so removed shall think himself aggrieved thereby, it shall be lawful for him, and Legislative
within Six Months, to appeal to Her Majesty, in Her Privy Council, and such a Council.
motion shall not be final until determined by Her Majesty in Her Privy Council.

II. And be it enacted, That when any Judge of the said Supreme Court, or Appointment on va-
Master of the Rolls, shall die, or shall resign his Office, or be removed, in the cancies by death,
manner authorised by this Act, it shall be lawful for the Governor, notwithstand- removal, &c.
ing anything hereinbefore contained, to appoint by Commission, under the Great
Seal of this Province, some fit and proper person to hold the said Office until the
Royal pleasure shall be made known, and that such appointment shall be held to
be superseded by the issuing of a Commission under the Great Seal of this Pro-
vince, in the terms first directed by this Act, to the same person, or to such other
person as Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors shall appoint, in the place of any
Judge who has died, or resigned, or been removed, in the manner authorised by
this Act, or by the signification, within the Province, of the Royal decision in the
Privy Council, restoring to his Office any Judge who may have been so removed.

III. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be of any force or Suspend. Clause.
effect until Her Majesty's assent shall be signified hereto.

CAP. XXII.

**An Act to provide for the more accurate Audit and In-
spection of Public Accounts in this Province, and for
the appointment of certain Public Officers therein.**

(Passed the 11th day of April, 1848.)

WHEREAS, by a certain Act passed by the Imperial Parliament in the Ninth Preamble.
and Tenth years of Her present Majesty's Reign, power was conferred upon
this Legislature to repeal certain Duties of Customs upon Articles imported into
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