BILL.

An Act for the Further Promotion of Justice.

WHEREAS as the law now stands suits for the same cause of action may be and have been instituted in Upper Canada while actions for such cause are pending in Lower Canada; and whereas great inconvenience and injustice may 5 result therefrom, and it is desirable and expedient to provide for the remedy and prevention thereof in both Upper and Lower Canada;

Be it therefore enacted by, &c., &c., That in any action heretofore brought and now pending or hereafter 10 brought or to be brought in any Court of Law of Record in Upper Canada for a cause of action for which a suit or action was at the time of the institution thereof in Upper Canada, or shall hereafter be at the time of the institution thereof pending in any Court of Law of Record in 15 Lower Canada, whether the said suit or action be or shall have been instituted against the same party or parties or the same party or parties and others jointly interested with him or them, or in which a new trial shall have have been or shall be ordered, it shall and may be lawful for the defendant or 20 defendants in such action in such Court in Upper Canada to plead that there is another action depending for the same cause of action in the Court or Courts in which the same shall then be depending in Lower Canada, Whereupon the Writ and declaration in such action in such Court in Upper Canada 25 shall by the adjudication of such Court be quashed: Provided always that a certificate under the hand of the Prothonotary or Clerk of the said Court in Lower Canada, and also under the seal of the said Court, that an action was at the time of the date thereof then pending or that a new trial had been 30 ordered thereon, for the cause of action which shall be stated in the said certificate (which certificate shall also state the date of the commencement of such action) shall be attached to the said plea of the Defendant or Defendants, and such plea shall be further supported by an affidavit of the truth thereof 35 in substance and fact, and no other or further proof of the truth of the statements in such plea contained than the said certificate and affidavit shall be required to be adduced; and further provided always that it shall appear to the satisfaction