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For making certain regulations respecting the Office of Sheriff.

WHEREAS the duties and liabilities of Sheriffs and of Coroners in Civil matters are not sufficiently defined, and it would be conducive to greater confidence in the Administration of Justice, if the duties and responsibilities of those important Offices were defined and regulated by Law:—Be it therefore 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 first day of September next, no person shall do or execute any of the duties of the Office of Sheriff or Coroner in Civil matters, until he shall have first entered into a bond to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the due execution thereof, to the amount, and in the manner hereinafter enacted and required.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the security required by this Act shall be given in the following sums, that is to say: by the Sheriff of the district of *Quebec*, in a sum of four thousand pounds currency; by the Sheriff of the district of *Montreal*, in a sum of six thousand pounds currency; by the Sheriff of the district of *Three Rivers*, in a sum of two thousand pounds currency; by the Sheriff of the inferior district of *Gaspé*, in a sum of one thousand pounds currency; and by the Sheriff of the inferior district of *Saint Francis*, in a sum of one thousand pounds currency. By the Coroner of the district of *Quebec*, in the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds currency; by the Coroner of the district of *Montreal*, in a sum of three hundred and fifty pounds currency; by the Coroner of the district of *Three Rivers*, in a sum of one hundred pounds currency; by the Coroner of the inferior district of *Gaspé*, in a sum of fifty pounds currency; and by the Coroner of the inferior district of *Saint Francis*, in a sum of fifty pounds currency. And every such Bond or security shall be to our Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and the condition shall be, that the

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