

## C A P. XV.

An Ordinance to declare that the second Chapter of the Statutes of the Parliament of England, passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, is not, nor has ever been, in force in this Province, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS a certain Writ, purporting to be a Writ of *Habeas Corpus*, in Her Majesty's name, was on application of John Teed, of the City of Quebec; Tailor, charged with Suspicion of High Treason, granted by the Honorable Philip Panet, one of the Justices of Her Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the District of Quebec, and was issued out of the said Court of King's Bench, bearing teste on or about the twenty-first day of November, in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, addressed to the Keeper of the Common Gaol of the District of Quebec, commanding him to bring up the body of the said John Teed; And whereas the said Writ of *Habeas Corpus* was granted and issued under the pretended authority of an Act of the Parliament of England, passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled, "An Act for the better securing the liberty of the subject, and for prevention of imprisonment beyond seas;" And whereas a certain other Writ, purporting to be a Writ of *Habeas Corpus*, in Her Majesty's name, was, on the application of the said John Teed, charged with Suspicion of High Treason, as aforesaid, granted by the Honorable Philip Panet, one of the Justices of Her Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the District of Quebec, and was issued out of the said Court of King's Bench, bearing teste on or about the twenty-eighth day of November now last past, addressed to Thomas Ainslie Young, of Quebec, Esquire, Justice of the Peace and Superintendent of Police for the City and Banlieu of Quebec, commanding him to bring up the body of the said John Teed, which said last mentioned Writ of *Habeas Corpus* was granted and issued under the pretended authority of the said Act of the Parliament of England; And whereas the said Act of the Parliament of England, was not at the time and times of the granting and issuing of the said Writs of *Habeas Corpus*, nor ever has been, in force in this Province; And whereas for an alleged contempt for an insufficient return to the said first mentioned Writ of *Habeas Corpus*, a Writ of Attachment, bearing teste on or about the twenty-second day of November, in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, was issued out of the said Court of King's Bench, against the body of John Jeffreys, then being the Keeper of the said Common Gaol, by virtue whereof the said John Jeffreys was committed to the Common Gaol of the said District of Quebec, and is now detained in the Common Gaol of the said District of Quebec; And