

C A N A D A.

COPY of an ACT to Repeal so much of the ACT of the PARLIAMENT of *Great Britain*, passed in the Thirty-first Year of the reign of King GEORGE the Third, and Chaptered Thirty-one, as relates to RECTORIES and the Presentation of INCUMBENTS to the same, and for other purposes connected with such RECTORIES; together with the RESOLUTIONS of the Council and Assembly of *Canada* relative thereto.

PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT PURSUANT TO ACT 3 & 4 VICT. c. 35.

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WHEREAS the recognition of legal equality among all religious denominations is an admitted principle of colonial legislation: And whereas in the state and condition of this province, to which such a principle is peculiarly applicable, it is desirable that the same should receive the sanction of direct legislative authority, recognizing and declaring the same as a fundamental principle of our civil polity; Be it therefore declared and enacted, by The Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada," and it is hereby declared and enacted, by the authority of the same, that the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, so as the same be not made an excuse for acts of licentiousness, or a justification of practices inconsistent with the peace and safety of the province, is by the constitution and laws of this province, allowed to all Her Majesty's subjects within the same.

And whereas the provisions of the Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the Thirty-first year of the reign of His late Majesty King GEORGE the Third, 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," whereby the erection of parsonages or rectories in this province according to the Establishment of the Church of England, the endowment of such parsonages or rectories out of the Clergy Reserves, and the presentation of incumbents or ministers to such parsonages or rectories, is vested in the Government of this province, have been found to give occasion to doubts and apprehensions which it is desirable should be removed by the repeal of the same, under the power for that purpose vested in the Provincial Parliament by the provisions of the said Imperial Act; Be it therefore enacted, that the thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, and fortieth sections of the said Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed, and that from henceforth no letters patent shall be issued in this province by the Crown, for the erection of any such parsonages or rectories, or for the endowment thereof, out of the Clergy Reserves or