

tempt that may be formed for subverting the existing Laws and Constitution of the said Province, and for introducing the horrible system of anarchy and confusion, which has so fatally prevailed in France; therefore and for the better preservation of His Majesty's Government, and for securing the Peace, the Constitution, Laws and Liberties of the said Province; Be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the said 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 every person or persons who are or shall be in prison within this Province of Lower-Canada, at or upon the day on which this Act shall receive His Majesty's Royal Assent or after, by warrant of His said Majesty's Executive Council, of and for the said Province, signed by three of the said Executive Council, for High Treason, Misprision of High Treason, suspicion of High Treason or Treasonable Practices, may be detained in safe Custody, without Bail or Mainprize during the continuance of the present Act; And that for and during the continuance of this Act, no Court or Courts, Judge or Judges, Justice or Justices of the Peace, shall bail or try any such person or persons so committed, without a Warrant for that purpose from His Majesty's Executive Council, signed by three of the said Executive Council, any Law, Statute, Act or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons committed by the Executive Council for High Treason, &c. may be detained in custody during the continuance of this Act

Nor shall such persons be bailed by any Court, &c. without a warrant from the Executive Council.

Justices of the Peace not to bail for High Treason, &c.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that for and during the continuance of this Act, it shall not be lawful to or for any Justice or Justices of the Peace within this Province, or in any District or part thereof, to bail or admit to bail, any person or persons charged with the crime of High Treason, or Misprision of High Treason or suspicion of High Treason or Treasonable Practices, any Law, Statute or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

During the continuance of this Act, persons charged with High Treason, &c. to whom a writ of Habeas corpus has been allowed not to be returnable in less than fourteen days.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that for and during the continuance of this Act, in all and every case, in which application shall be made for His Majesty's writ of *Habeas Corpus*, to any Court or Courts, Judge or Judges within this Province, or in any District or part thereof, by any person or persons who are or shall be in prison within this Province, at or upon the day on which this Act shall receive His Majesty's Royal Assent, or after, charged with High Treason, Misprision of High Treason, Suspicion of High Treason or Treasonable Practices, such writ of *Habeas Corpus*, (if allowed by such Court or Courts, Judge or Judges,) shall not be made returnable in less than fourteen days from the day on which such writ of *Habeas Corpus* shall be allowed, and in all and every such case, it shall be the duty of such Court or Courts, Judge or Judges, and of each and every of them, and they