any such loss or damage shall be satisfactorily shewn and proved, the amount thereof shall be deemed and taken to be a legal offset or counter claim against the holder of such 5 Bill or Note.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the duty Duly commisof noting and protesting Bills of Exchange sioned Notarand protesting Promissory Notes, shall be protest Bills performed in this Province by the Public and protest

- 10 Notaries now or hereafter to be duly commissioned and sworn in; and every protest shall be by such Notaries made in duplicate underneath or on the back of a copy of the Bill or note with its indorsements in detail; no
- 15 second or countersigning Notary, and no witness, shall be deemed necessary for the perfecting of any act of noting, of protesting, or of notice made or given by a Public Notary, any law, usage, or custom in either 20 division of this Province to the contrary
- notwithstanding.

XIV. And be it enacted, That every Noting for noting for non-acceptance of a Bill Exchange shall be made underneath, or be Exchange to 25 indorsed upon the back of a copy of the be made un-Bill and indorsements, and fyled and kept back of copy upon record by the Notary Public noting the same, or the Register in case of being noted by a Justice of the Peace as hereinafter

- 30 provided; and upon every Bill noted or protested for non-acceptance, and every Bill or Note protested for non-payment, the protesting Notary shall write, print or stamp the words "noted for non-acceptance" or "pro-
- 35 tested for non-acceptance" or "protested for non-payment," (as the case may be,) with the date of the noting or protest, and his fees and charges, and subscribe thereto his initials, and the usual initial letters designating his
- 40 office: Provided always, that when a Bill of Proviso. Exchange noted for non-acceptance shall afterwards be protested for non-payment, it shall not be necessary to extend a protest for non-acceptance, but the noting and the date

of non-acceptef Bill.