No. 18.]

BILL.

[1857.

An Act to exempt Lower Canada from the operation of the Act to modify the Usury Laws.

HEREAS the repeal of the Usury Laws has caused, and continues Preamble. to cause, great dissatisfaction in Lower Canada, inasmuch as it enables the rich and wealthy to harass, oppress and ruin the poorer classes; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

5 The Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in 1853, intituled Act 16 V.c. "An Act to modify the Usury Laws," shall cease to be in force and to have 80, repealed effect in Lower Canada, and all the prohibitions, restrictions and penalties at 10 Lower established by the Laws of France with respect to usury shall revive, and former laws have full force and effect to all intents and purposes, as though the said revived.

10 Act had not been passed.

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