

An Act to enable County Municipalities in Lower Canada to recover the amount of certain assessments.

**W**HEREAS the Act passed in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's Preamble.  
 reign, and intituled "*An Act to amend the Judicature Acts of* 20 Vict., c. 44,  
*Lower Canada,*" provides, amongst other things, for the establishment  
 of a Circuit Court in each of the Counties of Lower Canada, (other  
 5 than the Counties excepted by the Act,) and that such Circuit Court  
 may be so held in any County, under the restrictions imposed by  
 the said Act, as soon as the Municipality of such County shall have  
 provided proper accommodation for the Court and its Officers, "and  
 made permanent provision for the maintenance of such accommoda-  
 10 tion;" Whereas by the same Act there is allowed to each County Muni-  
 cipality the sum of £300 towards building or procuring a County  
 Court-house at a place to be approved by the Governor; Whereas the  
 powers conferred upon County Municipalities of raising or providing  
 for the recovery of any sums they may deem necessary to be added to  
 15 the said £300 for the purpose of building a County Court-house, are  
 not sufficiently indicated in the Municipal Acts; Whereas certain  
 County Municipalities have passed By-laws for the erection of such  
 County Court-houses, and whereas certain County Municipalities have  
 imposed assessments payable by the Local Municipalities, for purposes  
 20 connected with the interests of the public or of such Counties, and  
 whereas the Municipal laws of Lower Canada do not provide a prompt  
 and easy method for the recovery of the same; Therefore Her Majesty,  
 &c., enacts as follows:

I. In any County Municipality in which land has been offered for  
 25 the building of a County Court-house, and accepted by the Governor  
 as the site thereof, and in which the Council shall have ordered  
 and directed, or shall hereafter order and direct, the building of such  
 Court-house on the said site, and shall have apportioned or shall here-  
 after apportion the sum payable, or hereafter to be payable, by each  
 30 Local Municipality for such purpose, such By-law shall be definitive,  
 and the assessment so imposed shall be obligatory upon such Local  
 Municipality, and thenceforward the sum therein mentioned shall be-  
 come a debt of such Local Municipality.

II. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer of the County  
 35 Municipality, immediately after the passing of any such By-law by  
 such County Municipality, to transmit a copy thereof to the Secretary-  
 Treasurer of each Local Municipality affected thereby, and the Secre-  
 tary-Treasurer of such Local Municipality shall, within two months  
 respectively.