
BILL

To authorize a Census and Statistical Returns of this Province.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WHEREAS a Census and statistical Returns of the Province of Lower-Canada, giving a statement of the Population, the resources, the progress and the wants of the Province, would be of great advantage, and would materially facilitate the Provincial Parliament in promoting its Agricultural and Commercial interests; may it therefore please your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and 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 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 it shall and may be lawful from and after the passing of this Act, for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person Administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to nominate and appoint one or more fit and proper person or persons to make a Census and statistical Return in each of the Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers; giving a statement of the Population, according to age and sex, that is to say, with respect to men, of those under the Age of Eighteen Years, and between the Ages of Eighteen and Twenty-five Years, and between the Ages of Twenty-five and Forty Years, and between the Ages of Forty and Sixty Years, and between the Ages of Sixty and Ninety Years, and between the Ages of Ninety and One Hundred Years, and of those above One Hundred Years; and with respect to women, of those under the Age of Fifteen Years, and between the Ages of Fifteen and Forty-five Years, and between the Ages of Forty-five and One Hundred Years, and of those above the Age of One Hundred Years, as also a Table of the cultivated and uncultivated Lands of the Province, Public Buildings and Edifices and Houses, of the quantity of Grain of all descriptions and of Potatoes produced upon an average of the three preceding Years, and of the Cattle throughout