

duties or dues, and by such Officers or Departments, and upon such terms and conditions, as the Governor in Council shall from time to time appoint, and being so received
 5 may be re-issued or may be cancelled and others issued in their stead: **Provido.** that the total amount of such Debentures as aforesaid outstanding at any one time shall not exceed the said sum of two hundred and
 10 fifty thousand pounds, and that the total amount of all Debentures, including those mentioned in this Section, shall not at any time exceed the amount then authorized by law.

15 **III.** And whereas it appears that, owing **Recital.** to the pressure of just demands upon the Provincial Government which the funds in the Public Chest were insufficient to meet. Debentures of the description mentioned in
 20 the next preceding Section have been issued under the authority of the Governor in Council since the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, and have under the said authority been received
 25 in payment of duties and of other moneys payable to the Provincial Government, and being so received have been cancelled and others have been issued in their stead, but the total amount of such Debentures out-
 30 standing at any one time has not exceeded the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds, and the total amount of all Debentures outstanding has never exceeded the amount authorized by law: And whereas the exigen-
 35 cies of the Public Service are such that it may be necessary for the preservation of the public faith that the course adopted as aforesaid should be continued until the Provincial Parliament shall have made provision in this
 40 behalf: And whereas the course so adopted by the Provincial Government, although justified by the necessity of the case, is not within the letter of the law, and it is therefore expedient to indemnify all persons who may
 45 have been concerned in the adoption there-