

C A P. I.

An Act for altering and changing the name of this Island, from Saint JOHN to that of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the name of Saint John, by which this Island hath hitherto been known and called, has from long experience been frequently found to occasion much prejudice and inconvenience to Individuals, as well as to His Majesty's Service, by the miscarriage or delay of Government Dispatches and private Letters, and even of Merchandise and Packages, sent out from England or other distant Parts, addressed to Persons in this Island, by being carried, through mistake, to St. Johns in Newfoundland, or St. John in New-Brunswick, or St. Johns on the Labrador Coast, or elsewhere; and which miscarriages and delays are likely unceasingly to occur, and most probably to multiply, from an increase of Inhabitants, and the consequent more frequent occasion of Intercourse between this Island and Foreign parts: for prevention whereof in future, as well as to perpetuate (*in omne volubile ævum*) the grateful remembrance of that peculiarly auspicious and happy period, of this Island having been under the command of *Lieutenant General His Royal Highness Prince Edward*, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the District of Nova-Scotia, Islands St. John, Cape Breton and Newfoundland, Knight of the most noble order of the Garter, and of the most illustrious order of Saint Patrick, &c. &c. &c. we the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Island, in General Assembly convened, most humbly beseech The King's most Excellent Majesty that it may be enacted,

I. *And be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the name of this Island*

The name of this Island to be altered from Saint