

BILL.

An Act to amend the Law respecting the Protesting of Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.

WHEREAS it has been and is the custom of Preamble. merchants in Upper Canada, to cause Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes to be protested upon the same day on which such Bills or Notes may have been dishonoured; and whereas it is expedient to render such custom in all cases legal:—Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That all protests of inland or foreign bills of exchange or promissory notes, for dishonor, either by non-acceptance or non-payment, shall be made on the day of such dishonour, at any time after non-acceptance, or in case of non-payment, at any time after the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon. Protests to be made on day of dishonour.

II. And be it enacted, That a notice of such protest shall be sent to each of the parties to such bill or note, and that such notice shall be deemed and taken to have been duly served, to all intents and purposes, upon the party to whom the same shall be addressed, being deposited in the Post Office nearest to the place of making presentment of such bill or note, at any time during the day whereon such protest shall be made, or the next juridical day then following; and that the undermentioned days shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed and taken to be non-juridical days: videlicet, Sunday, Christmas-day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Ash Wednesday, any day set apart by proclamation for fasting or thanksgiving, the birthday of the Reigning Sovereign, and the first day of January; and that all other days shall be deemed and taken to be juridical days. Notice of protest how to be served. Juridical and non-juridical days.

III. And be it enacted, That no bill of exchange shall be presented for acceptance on any non-juridical day; and that all bills of exchange and promissory notes whereof the third day of grace shall fall upon any non-juridical day, shall become due and payable, and shall be presented for payment upon the next juridical day before such third day of grace. On what days Bills and Notes are to be presented for acceptance or payment.

IV. And be it enacted, That such protests and notices may be according to the forms contained in the Schedule to this Act, marked A, or to the like effect. Forms of Protests and notices.