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## Bill to make certain Regulations respecting the Office of Sheriff.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS the duties and liabilities of Sheriffs in civil matters are not sufficiently defined, and it would be conducive to greater confidence in the Administration of Justice if the duties and responsibilities of that important office were defined and regulated by law: Be it therefore 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 for making further provision for the Government of the said Province*: And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, no person shall do or execute any of the duties of the office of Sheriff in civil matters, until he shall have given good and sufficient security to the satisfaction of any one of the Justices of the Court of King's Bench, or Provincial Judge of the District for which he shall have been appointed Sheriff, to the amount in the manner hereinafter enacted and required.

No person to do the duties of Sheriff until he has given Security to the amount herein after enacted.

Amount of the security to be given by the several Sheriffs of the Province.

Condition of such security.

And to whom available.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the security required by this Act shall be given in the following sums, that is to say: by the Sheriff of the District of *Quebec*, in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ currency, by the Sheriff of the District of *Montreal*, in a like sum of \_\_\_\_\_ currency, by the Sheriff of the District of *Three Rivers* in a sum of \_\_\_\_\_ currency, by the Sheriff of the Inferior Disirict of *Gaspé*, in a sum of \_\_\_\_\_ currency, and by the Sheriff of the Inferior District of *St. Francis*, in a sum of \_\_\_\_\_ currency; and every such security shall be to our Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and the condition shall be, that the Sheriff giving such security, shall well and truly demean himself in the execution of all, and every, the duties of his office in civil matters, and shall duly pay over all monies to be levied or received by him as Sheriff, to all and every the persons lawfully entitled to receive the same; and such security shall avail to the King, and all per-