

C A P. I.

An Ordinance to provide for the security of the Province of Lower Canada.

Preamble.

WHEREAS divers persons, Subjects of Her Majesty in this Province, have been charged with High Treason and other offences of a treasonable nature, some of which said persons are at present in custody, and others have withdrawn themselves from the pursuit of justice beyond the limits of this Province; And whereas of the persons so charged and in custody those whose names follow, that is to say:—Wolfred Nelson, Robert Shore Milnes Bouchette, Bonaventure Viger, Simeon Marchessault, Henri Alphonse Gauvin, Toussaint Goddu, Rodolphe Des Rivières, and Luc Hyacinthe Masson, all respectively now in the Gaol of Montreal, in custody of the Sheriff of Montreal, have severally acknowledged their participation in such High Treason, and have submitted themselves to the will and pleasure of Her Majesty; And whereas Louis Joseph Papineau, a Member of the late Assembly of Lower Canada and Speaker thereof, Cyrile Hector Octave Côte, also a Member of the said late Assembly, Julien Gagnon, Robert Nelson, also a Member of the said late Assembly, Edmund Burke O'Callaghan, also a Member of the said late Assembly, Edouard Etienne Rodier, also a Member of the said late Assembly, Thomas Storrow Brown, Ludger Duvernay, Etienne Chartier, a priest, George Et. Cartier, John Ryan, the elder, and John Ryan, the younger, Louis Perrault, Pierre Paul Demaray, Joseph François Davignon, and Louis Gauthier, all respectively subjects of Her said Majesty, and against whom respectively warrants for High Treason have been issued, have severally absconded from this Province and withdrawn themselves from the limits thereof, and from the pursuit of justice;—And whereas it is Her said Majesty's most Gracious Will and Pleasure, that no further proceedings should be had or taken against any persons whomsoever on account of such High Treason or other offences of a treasonable nature, save and except as hereinafter provided; but it is nevertheless expedient to provide for the present security of this Province by effectually preventing the several persons whose names are hereinbefore set forth from being at large therein:—Be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Governor of the Province of Lower Canada, by and with the consent and advice of the Special Council for the affairs of the said Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada;*"—And it is hereby Ordained and Enacted

Her Majesty's pleasure declared that no further proceedings shall be had against persons on account of political offences.