

BILL.

An Act to empower County Councils in Lower Canada to suspend within the limits of their jurisdiction the operation of the provisions respecting *découverts*, contained in chapter twenty-six of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada.

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An Act to empower the County Council of any County in Lower Canada to suspend in such County the operation of the provisions of Chapter ~~twenty-six~~ of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, respecting *découverts*.

WHEREAS in some of the more thickly-settled Counties of Lower Preamble.
Canada, the tracts of timbered land reserved for firewood and other purposes, are of so limited extent, and such timber has become so scarce and valuable, that the provisions hereinafter mentioned may be found to have become inexpedient in any such County: therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:—

1. In addition to the purposes for which County Councils in Lower Power to
Canada are, by section twenty-six of the Lower Canada Consolidated suspend the
Municipal Act, empowered to make By-Laws, every such Council may provision
10 make, and from time to time may amend or repeal, a By-Law or respecting
By-Laws for suspending in such County, and during such period as the découverts.
Council may deem expedient, the operation of the seventeenth section of chapter twenty-six of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, intituled, “An Act respecting abuses prejudicial to Agriculture;” and
15 during such period no occupant or owner of land in such County shall be bound to grant *découvert* to his neighbor, under the said seventeenth section, or under any other Act or law, or to pay any fine or damages for not granting the same.

2. The foregoing provision shall be construed as part of the said Interpreta-
20 Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Act, and as forming part of the tion.
eighth paragraph of the said twenty-sixth section thereof.