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NOR the purpose of diminishing the expenses of the proceedings here-Preamble.; inafter mentioned: Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

1. It shall not be necessary that the Sheriff having the execution Notice of sale of any writ or alias writ of fieri facias, de terris, or of Venditioni to be given at of any writ or alias writ of neri judias, as terris, or of remaining the church Exponas against any immovable property, or the party prosecuting the door on one forced licitation of any immovable property, should give notice of the Sunday only. sale of such property at the door of the church of the parish in which it lies, on either of the two Sundays next preceding such sale; but

it shall be sufficient that such notice be given on the first of the 10 three Sundays next preceding such sale, anything in the fourth, eighteenth or twenty-second sections of chapter eighty-five of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, or in the fourth section of Chapter forty-eight of the said Statutes, or in any other act or law to the contrary notwithstanding.

2. It shall not be necessary that the notice required in cases of ap- Nor in cases plication for confirmation of title, should be read or given at the church of application door of the parish, township or place in which the immovable property tion of title. to which such application relates is situate, or at the most public place in such parish, township or place, on any Sunday except only the Sun-

- 20 day next but two before the day on which such application is to be made, that is to say, on the first of the three Sundays next preceding the said day, anything to the contrary in the second section of chapter thirty-six of the said Consolidated Statutes, or in any other Act or law to the contrary notwithstanding.
- 3. All sales of immovable property by any Sheriff shall be made at Sales to be at the office of such Sheriff, unless otherwise required as hereinafter menfice, unless
 tioned; but the party at whose instance any such property is seized, party seizing or his attorney ad litem, may before the seizure and by notice in requires writing, require the Sheriff to sell the same at the church door or other wise.

30 other proper place in the parish or locality in which it is situate, or at the Registry Office for the Registration Division in which it is included, at the option of such party; and such property shall accordingly be advertised to be sold, and shall be sold at the place at which the party seizing shall so have declared his option to have it sold.

4. When any immovable property is to be sold by any Sheriff under Bids for proany writ or alias writ of fieri facias de terris or Vendilioni Exponas, may be made hids may be made for such property by fuling them in military by made bids may be made for such property by fyling them in writing at the in writing, Sheriff's office at any time after the scizure, except during the three and how. days next preceding the day of sale:-

2. With any such bid, if made by a creditor of the party on whom Affidavit to be the property is sold, there shall be fyled an affidavit of such creditor, fyled with sworn before a Judge of the Court or Commissioner for talking affidavit any bid by a sworn before a Judge of the Court or Commissioner for taking affidavits creditor. to be used in the Court out of which the writ issued, stating the

amount and nature of such creditor's claim, and that the bid is made

bona fide and not to delay proceedings in the cause,-

By a party not a creditor.

3. With any such bid made by a party not being such creditor, there shall be fyled an affidavit of such bidder, sworn as aforesaid, that the bid is made bona fide and not to delay proceedings in the cause, and 5 the Sheriff may, if he thinks proper, require security from such bidder, or a deposit in money, sufficient to defray the probable costs of the party seizing to be incurred by reason of such bid, and of a folle enchere in case it should be required.

Form. . 4. Each bid shall indicate the property bid upon and the amount 10 offered.

Notarial form.

5. If the party bidding cannot write, the bid may be made by notarial acte delivered en brevet.

Bids to be returned.

The Sheriff shall endorse on each bid the date of the fyling thereof, and shall return it with his proceedings on the writ.

Highest to be the upset price.

7. The Sheriff shall read and publish at the place and time of sale every bid in writing so received by him; and the highest of such bids shall be the upset price at which the property shall then and there be offered for sale.

If no higher bid is made.

8. If at the time and place of sale no higher bid is offered than the 20 highest fyled in writing as aforesaid, the property shall be adjudged to the person having made such highest bid in writing, as if he were personally present and making such bid, and he shall be the adjudicataire to all intents and purposes as if he had become so at the time and place of sale, and he shall be liable to contrainte par corps in default of im-25 mediate payment of the price, and to all the obligations of an adjudicataire.

Preceeding Provisions to apply to tions.

5. The enactments and provisions of the next preceding section shall apply to all cases of forced licitation, in which bids in writing for the proforced licita- perty to be sold or any separate lot thereof, may be filed at the office of 80 the Prothonotary of the Court in the District in which the licitation has been ordered, at any time after the licitation is ordered, except during the three days next preceding the day fixed for the adjudication; and the Prothonotary or officer conducting the sale shall have the like powers and duties with respect to such bids as are by the said section 85 conferred or imposed upon the Sheriff selling any property; and if any property be adjudged to any person upon a bid made in writing, such person shall have the like rights and be subject to the like obligations and liabilities in respect thereof as are by the said section conferred and imposed upon a person becoming an adjudicataire upon a 40 bid in writing made by him at a Sheriff's sale.

Highest bid to

2. The bids in writing in cases of forced licitation shall be read and be upset price published by the Prothonotary in open Court, and the highest of such bids shall be the upset price of the property to which the bid relates, when the same is sold on such licitation.

No costs of certificate.

6. No costs of opposition shall be allowed to any opposant to the opposition for distribution of money levied by Sheriff's sale of real estate, or of by Registrar's money paid into Court in any case of confirmation, of title or forced licitation, when the claim of such opposant is secured by the Registrar's certificate.

Notice by adsale of moveaples.

7. Whenever any movable property is seized in execution on any vertisement, of writ issuing from the Superior or Circuit Court, and such seizure is made in any city, town or parish in which a newspaper or newspapers is or are then published, the party prosecuting the seizure or his attorney ad litem, may in writing require the Sheriff or Bailiff having 55 the execution of such writ, to give notice of the sale of the property by advertisement in the French and in the English language in the newspaper

so published, if there be only one, or if all be published in the same language,—and in English in a newspaper so published in the English language, and in French in a newspaper so published in the French language, if there be a newspaper published in each language;—the Copy to be Sheriff or Bailiff shall post up and keep posted up a duplicate of such posted up. notice in each language in a conspicuous place in the Sheriff's office from the time of publication to the time of sale, and the sale shall not take place until after the expiration of eight days from the first publication of such notice.

- 8. The said notice by advertisement shall be a summary one, con- Form. taining the names of the parties in the cause, a general description of the movables seized, and the time and place of sals; and the cost of Cost. such advertisement shall not exceed two dollars.
- 9. In every case wherein the party seizing or his attorney ad litem To be instead 15 has required the Sheriff or Bailiff to give notice of the sale by news- of notice unpaper advertisement, such notice shall be in lieu of the notice and the Con. Stat publication which would otherwise be required under section two of L. C. chapter eighty-five of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada. which shall not be given or made in such case.
- 10. Whenever any property, moveable or immovable, seized in ex-Sheriff, if reecution, lies at a distance of more than nine miles from the place at quired by which the execution issued, the seizing party or his attorney ad litem, to appoint a may, in writing, require the Sheriff to employ a Bailiff, if any there be, ballif of the residing within the parish or locality in which the writ is to be exe-locality. 25 cuted, which the Sheriff shall accordingly do; but in such case the Sheriff shall not be responsible, pecuniarily or otherwise, for the due

execution of the writ by such Bailiff, or for any irregularity or informality arising from any neglect or error on the part of such Bailiff.

11. The foregoing provisions of this Act shall not apply to any case Pendingcases 30 in which proceedings for confirmation of Title or forced licitation have excepted. been commenced, or to any case in which movable or immovable property has been seized by a Sheriff or Bailiff, before the passing of this Act.