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An Act to authorize to a certain extent, the seizure and attachment of Official Salaries, towards payment of the Incumbents' Debts.

Received and Read a first time, Tuesday, 30th January, 1849.

Second Reading, Monday, 5th February, 1849.

MR. JOBIN.

BILL

An Act to authorize to a certain extent the seizure and attachment of Official Salaries towards payment of the incumbent's debts.

THEREAS the salaries allowed to offi- Preamble. cers on the Civil List, and other public functionaries of Her Majesty, paid from the Treasury and Consolidated Revenue Fund 5 of this Province, as well as the salaries allowed to municipal officers, paid from the funds of the several Districts or other Municipal Corporations, are by law exempt from seizure or attachment in satisfaction of judg-10 ments obtained in Her Majesty's Law Courts therein, an exemption frequently giving rise to great inconveniencies to those having just and legal claims or demands of a pecuniary nature, upon such officers and public func-15 tionaries, for the remedying whereof it is necessary to make provision: Be it therefore enacted. &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of 20 the same, That from and after the passing of All Salaries of this Act, all salaries and allowances of what-Public Officers liable to seisoever denomination, payable to any officer sure to a ceror public functionary of Her Majesty, from the Treasury or Consolidated Revenue Fund 25 of this Province, as well as all salaries and allowances of whatsoever denomination payable to any officer or functionary of any District Council or other Municipal officer from any District or other Municipal funds what-30 soever, for services performed or to be performed, shall, to the extent hereinafter mentioned, be liable to seizure or attachment in the hands of the Receiver General of the Province, or of the respective Treasurers 35 of the several Districts in this Province, or

Municipal Corporations as the case may be. or other person doing the duties of these offices, after judgment in any Maiesty's Courts of competent jurisdiction in this Province.

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Parties baving judgments against public functionaries may attach in the hands of the Receiver General or other proper officer.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any person having a judgment against any such officer or public functionary, whose salary or allowance is or shall be payable as aforesaid from the Consolidated 10 Revenue Fund of the Province, or from any District or Municipal fund, to seize and levy on or attach, pursuant to such judgment, in the usual and customary manner and form. in the hands of Her Majesty's Receiver Gene-15 ral of the Province, or of the Treasurer of the Municipal District or Corporation, or otherperson performing the functions of these offices, any amount of the salary or allowance that shall be due to the defendant at the 20 expiration of the then unexpired term of the current year, (or other term at which such salary or allowance is payable, or of the then current fiscal year and so on, by order of the Court, without further process for suc- 25 ceeding quarters or periods until the amount seized shall be equal to that directed to be seized by such writ) and not exceeding, in cases where the salary of the incumbent is One half of the or exceeds one thousand pounds currency, 30 salary 11 £1000 or over, one moiety of the sum that shall be due him at the end of each such unexpired term, onethird where the salary is or exceeds five hundred pounds and is short of one thousand pounds, and one-fourth when the salary is 35 short of five hundred pounds, to await the judgment of the Court with respect to the same, and in case of attachment and intervening or opposing creditors, subject to the distribution to be made thereof by order of 40 the Court.

salary if

One third if £500 and under £1000. And one fourth if under £ 500.

III. And be it enacted, That from what-What shall be a sufficient soever Court the Writ of Attachment in any service on the such case shall issue, if service thereof be Receiver General.

made upon the Receiver General, Treasurer of the Municipal District or Corporation, in person, or upon the person doing the duty of his office, by delivering to him personally 5 or by causing to be left at his office, a true copy of such Attachment, and certified as such by the Sheriff, his Deputy, or other proper Officer of the Court issuing the Attachment, the service of such Writ of At-10 tachment shall be deemed to be sufficient to hold such Receiver General. Treasurer of the Municipal District or Corporation, or person doing the duties of his office, although not residing within the jurisdiction of the 15 Court, to appear therein and answer to such Attachment; and in case it shall not be con- He may anvenient for him so to appear, his answer in swer without appearing perwriting, attested by his signature and seal of sonally. office, (without oath,) stating the salary, or 20 amount of money which at the expiration of the year will be payable to the defendant by him in his capacity of Receiver General, or of the Treasurer of the Municipal District or Corporation, shall suffice; and one moiety, or 25 other proportion as herein above specified, of such amount only he shall retain in his hands to abide the judgment of the Court, paying the other moiety or proportion whatever it may be, to the officer or person to 30 whom it shall appertain.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, Unless the That if within three months next after the amount deexpiration of the then current year, no notice tributed or 35 be given to the Receiver General, or to the further deten-Treasurer of the Municipal District or Corpo-within a cer-ration, of any judgment or order by the Court, may be paid disposing of the amount retained by him in his over to the hands, pursuant to such Attachment, or direct-40 ing him still further, for a given period fixed by the Court, not exceeding months from the date of such order, to retain the same in his hands to abide the judgment or order of the Court, it shall be lawful for him 45 to pay over the amount to the civil officer or public functionary, to whom the amount so attached shall appertain, or to his order.

Courts in Upper and Lower Canada to make rules of practice for purposes of this Act.

V. And be it enacted, That the several Courts of competent jurisdiction in Upper and Lower Canada, shall have power and authority to make and provide from time to time, as occasion may require, any rule or 5 rules of practice they may respectively deem necessary and proper, for carrying the purposes and provisions of this Act into effect. and for regulating the proceedings in this behalf in their respective jurisdictions.

No salary can be seized unless the seizure is made within twelve months from debt

VI. And be it enacted, That in the event of any claim or demand upon a Public Officer, or any portion thereof having been contracted, or bearing date at a period longer 15 contracting of than twelve months prior to application for arrest of salary, then and in that case, the arrest so required shall be refused and held null and void.

Pensions to militiamen, &c., not liable to seizure.

VII. And be it enacted, That nothing in 20 this Act contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to enable creditors to seize or attach pensions payable to militiamen or others, out of the Consolidated Re-25 venue of this Province.