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An Act to amend the Acts relating to *La Banque du Peuple.*

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled: "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple and for other purposes,*" the said Bank was authorised to add a certain sum to its present Capital Stock, and the Act incorporating the said Bank was continued on certain conditions to the first day of January 1870: And whereas doubts have arisen whether the members of the Corporation of the said Bank could legally accept the conditions attached to the extension of the duration of its Charter by the eighth section of the said Act, without having previously obtained the consent of the Stockholders ^{18 V. c. 45.} *Commanditaires;* And whereas at the annual general meeting of the said Stockholders called by public notice, and held at their Banking House on Monday the third day of March, of the present year, the members of the said Corporation were specially authorised to accept and carry into effect the provisions of the above mentioned Act, and particularly those relating to the augmentation of the Capital and the extension of the duration of the Act incorporating the said Bank, and it is therefore expedient to allow further time for the Bank to avail itself of the provisions of the said Act; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. Notwithstanding the expiration of the period within which the said *La Banque du Peuple* could under the terms of the said Act avail itself of any of the provisions thereof, or any default of the notice required from the Bank, if the members of the Corporation thereof shall within six months from the passing of this Act, comply with the requirements of the said Act, the said Bank and the Shareholders thereof shall be entitled to the benefit of all the provisions of the said Act.

II. It is and shall be lawful for the members of the Corporation of the said Bank to authorise one of the Directors or officers of the said Bank to sign ^{One officer may sign Bank notes.} alone, all notes issued or to be issued by the said Bank; and all notes so signed shall be as valid as if they had been signed and countersigned by two officers of the said Bank.

III. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act.