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No. 311.

4th Session, 3d Parliament, 14 & 15 Vict., 1851.

BILL.

An Act to repeal certain provisions of the Act for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

Received and read a first time, Wednesday, 20th August, 1851.

Second reading, Thursday, 21st August, 1851.

HON. MR. BADGLEY.

B I L L .

An Act to amend and repeal in part an Act intituled, " *An Act for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.* "

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province,* " limitations were put upon the right of the people of this Province to make free choice of whomsoever they might deem fit and suitable to represent them in Parliament, the said right being abrogated as to persons holding certain Offices of trust and authority under the Crown, who by the said Act were declared incapable of and disqualified from being elected or returned to be Members of the Legislative Assembly ; and whereas, it is desirable to remove some of the restrictions imposed by the said Act, and to restore to the Constituencies of this Province their former right of electing, to serve them in Parliament, persons holding the following Offices, that is to say : The Office of the Judge of the Court of Vice-Admiralty in Lower Canada ; of Commissioner for the management of the Jesuits' Estates ; of Adjutant General of Militia ; of Master and Registrar of the Trinity House at Quebec or Montreal ; of Her Majesty's Printer and Law Printer in and for this Province ; or of Translator of the Laws : Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice, &c.,

That so much of the Act first above cited as provides that persons holding any of the Offices mentioned in the Preamble to this Act, shall be incapable of and disqualified from being elected or returned to be Members of the Legislative Assembly, and not competent to sit or vote in the same, and as declares that the elections of such persons shall be null and void, or as imposes a fine of *five hundred pounds* for each and every day that any such person shall sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly, shall be and is hereby repealed.

So much of the said Act as disqualifies the officers aforesaid as Members of the Legislative Assembly. repealed.