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An Act to supply the place of the speaker of the legislative council in certain cases.

[Assented to, 5th April, 1869.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Whenever, from sickness or other cause, the speaker of the legislative council shall be unable to take the chair at the meetings of the said council, the lieutenant-governor, by an order in council, may appoint one of the legislative councillors as temporary chairman, to supply the place of the speaker during such absence. Councillor may be appointed to act in absence of speaker.

2. Every act passed, or order made, and every thing done by the legislative council, when the temporary chairman is in the chair, shall be equally lawful, and shall have the same force and effect, to all intents and purposes, as if the speaker himself was in the chair. Validity of acts done while temporary chairman presides.

3. In all cases of absence of the speaker, if no temporary chairman is present to supply his place, the clerk, by order of the council, shall declare the house adjourned, as often as it may be necessary, until the speaker himself or the temporary chairman shall take the chair. In absence of speaker and chairman clerk may adjourn.

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An Act respecting inquiries concerning public matters.

[Assented to, 5th April, 1869.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. Whenever the lieutenant-governor in council deems it expedient to cause inquiry to be made into and concerning any matter connected with the good government of this province, or the conduct of any part of the public business thereof, or the administration of justice therein, and such inquiry is not regulated by any special law, the lieutenant-governor may, by the commission in the case, confer upon the commissioners or persons by whom such inquiry is to be conducted, the power of summoning before them any party or witnesses, and of requiring them to give evidence on oath, orally or in writing, (or on solemn affirmation, if they be parties entitled to affirm in civil matters,) and to produce such documents and things as Lieutenant-Governor in Council may confer on Commissioners appointed to make enquiry on public matters, power to examine on oath &c.

