A BILL

Entitled an Act to explain and amend the Victoria Incorporation Act 1862.

WHEREAS by section one of "The Victoria Incorporation Act 1862," it is enacted that from and after the passage of that Act the tract of Land specified in the first part of the first schedule thereto should be Incorporated as a City to be called the City of Victoria; and whereas it is expedient to confirm and establish the Incorporation of the said City; be it therefore enacted by the Governor of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof as follows;

I. The words "tract of Land" in the said first section of the said Act mentioned shall be held to include the Inhabitants of the said tract of land and it shall be held and understood by the terms used in the said section of the said Act that the Inhabitants of the tract of land specified in the said first schedule were and are Incorporated under the Corporate name of the City of Victoria, and all acts, deeds, matters, and things done and performed by any Officer or other person in pursuance or in supposed pursuance of the terms of the said first section of the said Act shall notwithstanding the terms used in the said first section of the said Act be valid and effectual for all purposes whatsoever.

II. And whereas by section 24 of the said Act it is provided that the Council of the said City of Victoria might subject as thereinafter contained by a by-law passed and confirmed as in the said Act is mentioned direct in what manner the funds required for municipal purposes should be raised; and whereas it is expedient by express enactment to point out by what specific means the said funds shall be raised; be it therefore enacted that the said funds in the said 24th section mentioned may in addition to the means referred to in the said 24th section be raised by means of a Tax on persons or corporate bodies practising or carrying on professions, trades or businesses within the said City of Victoria, so however that in no case any individual person or any one body corporate shall be rated or taxed annually to a greater amount than the sum of $500 in respect of fixed rates or taxes, or at the rate of one-fourth per cent. in respect of rates or taxes levied by way of per centage on sales, receipts or other transactions or things done in the way of a profession, trade or business.

III. All persons or corporations who shall have paid rates or taxes in respect of professions, trades or businesses within the said City, under and in accordance with a certain Municipal By-law in that behalf made and passed on or about the 3[illegible]th day of March. 1863, and which were made payable in respect of the second half year after the passing of the said By-law, shall be and the same are hereby exempted from paying rates or taxes in respect of professions, trades or businesses to be imposed under the enactment hereinbefore last contained to the extent of the sums paid by them in respect of such rates or taxes so being made due and payable for the said second half year.

IV. This Act may be cited as "The Victoria Incorporation Act 1862 Amendment Act 1865."

V. This Act may be altered or amended by any Act passed in the present session of the Legislative of the said Colony.

Read a third time and passed the Legislative Council the 2nd day of March, 1865.

E. J. NESBITT,
Clerk of the Council.