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DEREAS by an Act passed in the thirty-first year of the Preamble. reign of his late Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal " certain parts of an Act, passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's "reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for "the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and " to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," it was enacted, That it should and might be lawful for his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, to authorize the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of each of the said Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada 10 respectively, or the person administering the government therein, to make, from and out of the Lands of the Crown within such Province, such allotment and appropriation of Lands for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy within the same, as might bear a due proportion to the amount of such Lands within the same, as had at 15 any time been granted by or under the authority of his Majesty; and that whenever any grant of Lands within either of the said Provinces should thereafter be made, by or under the authority of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, there should at the same time be made in respect of the same, a proportionable allotment and appropriation of 20 Lands for the above-mentioned purpose, within the Township or Parish to which the Lands so to be granted should appertain or be annexed, equal in value to the Seventh part of the lands so granted:

And

And whereas in pursuance of the said Act, such proportionable allotments and appropriations of Land as aforesaid, have from time to time been reserved for the purposes therein mentioned; which Lands are known by the name of "The Clergy Reserves:"

And whereas the greater part of the said Clergy Reserves in the said Province of Upper Canada, have ever since continued, and are now, waste and unproductive; and it is expedient that means should be adopted for clearing and cultivating the said Lands, and for that purpose His Majesty should be authorized to sell and dispose of certain parts thereof to the Company to be established as after mentioned:

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And whereas certain other Lands in the said Province of *Upper Canada* have been reserved for the use of His Majesty, and are known in the said Province, by the name of "The Crown Reserves:"

And whereas have united together to establish a Company for purchasing, improving, settling and disposing of Lands in Upper Canada, and especially for purchasing and settling the whole of the before-mentioned Lands known by the name of "The Crown Reserves," and such parts of the said Lands known by the name of "The Clergy Reserves," as His Majesty may be so authorized to sell and convey to them, and for other purposes hereinafter mentioned; and the said persons have, in order to carry such purposes into effect, subscribed a Capital of One Million Pounds sterling, upon which the sum of Ten pounds per centum has been paid by the several Subscribers; and they have humbly besought His Majesty to grant to them a Charter of Incorporation;

If His Majesty shall grant a Charter the Company may hold Lands, &c.

BE it therefore Enacted; and it is hereby Enacted by The KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, THAT in case His Majesty shall, within after the passing 30 of this Act, be pleased by Charter of Incorporation under the great seal of Great Britain, to declare and grant that such and so many persons as shall be named therein, and all and every such other person or persons as from time to time shall be duly admitted members into their corporation, shall be a body politic and corporate by the name of 35 "The Canada Company," and to declare that the said corporation so to be made and created, shall be established for the purpose hereinbefore mentioned and for other lawful purposes, then and in that case it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to hold to them and their successors, such lands tenements and hereditaments within the said 40 Provinces, as shall or may be granted by His Majesty, to them and their successors within the said Provinces, or as shall be contracted for and

purchased or acquired by them therein; and to hold, alienate, sell and dispose of all such lands tenements and hereditaments, upon under and subject to such conditions, provisoes, limitations and restrictions, as His Majesty by such His charter may impose direct or prescribe.

And be it further Enacted, That His Majesty shall He and he is His Majesty 5 hereby empowered to sell and convey to the said Company and their successors, in fee simple, for such valuable considerations as shall be the L agreed upon between His Majesty and the said Company, such portion Reserves. of the said reserved lands in the province of Upper Canada, called "The 10 Clergy Reserves," as He shall deem expedient, and upon such conditions and with and subject to such restrictions limitations and provisoes as His Majesty may be pleased to impose: Provided always, that the purchase money which shall be paid by the said Company, for the lands so to be granted to them in whatever securities the same may be vested, 15 shall be appropriated exclusively to the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy, and shall be in the place of and remain to the same uses and for the same purposes, to and for which the said Clergy Reserves have by virtue of the above recited Act been allotted and appropriated: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall be 20 deemed or taken to limit or restrict any other grant by His Majesty to the said Company, which by His Majesty's Royal Prerogative he is authorized and empowered to make, nor to restrict or prevent the said Company from taking accepting and enjoying the same in as full ample

AND whereas it may be necessary, for the purpose of raising the 25 Capital for the proposed undertaking, with a view to the accomplishment Estate. of the beneficial objects aforesaid, to vest in the said Company such powers and privileges as cannot be granted without the aid of Parliament; BE it therefore Enacted, That the shares in the said undertaking and in the profits and advantages thereof, shall be and be deemed Personal Estate, and as such personal estate shall be transmissible accordingly.

and beneficial a manner as His Majesty may be pleased to direct.

And be it further Enacted, That if any subscriber, or any proprietor Recovery of or proprietors of any share or shares in the said Company, his or their 35 executors, administrators, successors or assigns, shall neglect or refuse to pay his or their part or portion of the money to be called for, in such manner as may be directed by letters patent to be granted as aforesaid, during the space of calendar months, and after the time appointed for payment thereof, together with lawful interest from the appointed time of payment, then and in every such case such person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, so neglecting or refusing, shall absolutely forfeit all his or their share or shares in the said Company 223.

pany, and all profits and advantages thereof, and all money theretofore advanced by him her or them on account thereof, to and for the use and benefit of the said Company; and all shares which shall or may be forfeited, shall or may at any time or times thereafter be sold at a public sale, for the most money that can be gotten for the same, and the produce thereof shall go to and make part of the capital stock of the said Company; and such share or shares forfeited and sold shall be assigned and transferred to the purchaser, by an instrument under the common seal of the said Company; and such sale and transfer shall be registered in the manner required upon other transfers of any share or shares, until the same shall be declared to be forfeited at some general or special meeting of all the said proprietors, which shall be held not earlier than calendar months next after the said forfeiture shall

happen; and that every such forfeiture so to be declared, shall be an absolute indemnification and discharge to and for the proprietor or proprietors, or his her or their executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

Shares not to be sold till Calls paid.

And be it further Enacted, That after any call for money shall have been made and become due and payable by virtue of the provisions which may be introduced for that purpose in any charter or letters patent to be granted as aforesaid, no person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, shall sell or transfer any share or shares which he she or they shall possess in the said stock of the said Company, until the money so called for in respect of his her or their share or shares intended to be sold shall be paid, and until such money so called for shall be paid any such sale or transfer of any share or shares shall be void; and all and every person and persons, body politic and corporate, making default therein, shall be subject and liable to forfeit such his her or their share or shares in the said Company, to and for the general benefit of the said Company, unless he she or they shall at the time of such sale or transfer, pay to the banker of the said Company, or such other person or persons as the Court of Directors for the time being shall appoint to receive the same, the full sum of money called for upon every share so to be sold or transferred; such forfeiture to be first notified and declared in such manner as may be directed with respect to the forfeiture of shares for not answering the calls to be made thereon as aforesaid.

Company may hold Lands in any part of His Majesty's Dominions. And be it further Enacted, That the said Company may be and are hereby authorized to purchase, take, hold and sell all lands tenements and hereditaments situate in any other part of His Majesty's dominions, which it may be necessary or convenient for the said Company to acquire, in order to carry the purposes aforesaid into more complete effect; provided that such lands tenements and hereditaments as may

be purchased in Great Britain or Ireland, be not altogether of more than the value of per annum, at the time of the purchase; and also provided, that any such purchases as aforesaid, in any other part of His Majesty's dominions, be made in conformity with the local laws and statutes in force in those parts of His Majesty's dominions in which the land so to be purchased may be situated; and the said Company may do all other acts and things in relation to the premises, in all respects as beneficially as any other body politic or corporate, or any subject of this realm, is by law entitled 10 to do.

And be it further Enacted, That all Conveyances which shall be made Conveyances, by the said Canada Company, to any individual or individuals, of any part of the lands so to be granted to them in pursuance of any charter as aforesaid, and by virtue of this Act, shall and may be made according 15 to the Form following, or as near thereto as the circumstances of the case will admit (that is to say);

" WE, the Canada Company, incorporated under and by virtue " of an Act made and passed in the Sixth year of the reign of " His Majesty King GEORGE the Fourth, intituled, ' In " Act for granting certain Powers, and Authorities to a Com " pany, to be incorporated by charter, to be called "The Canada " Company," for the purchase of certain Waste Lands in the " Province of Upper Canada and Lower Canada, and for the purposes relating thereto; in consideration of the sum of to us paid, Do hereby grant and release to and all our right title and interest " to and in the same, and every part thereof; To have and to " hold unto the said " heirs for ever; and every such conveyance shall be valid " and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes what-" soever."

And be it further Enacted, That a copy of His Majesty's charter of Charter to be incorporation, being duly verified on oath before one of the Masters in registered 35 Ordinary of the high court of Chancery at Westminster, shall be transmitted to the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of the said province of Upper Canada and the said province of Lower Canada, and registered in the office of Chief Secretary of each of the said Provinces; and such registry, or copy thereof, shall within the said Provinces respec-40 tively, be and be deemed and taken to be good and sufficient evidence of the contents of such charter of incorporation, to all intents and purposes.

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Public Act.

And be it further Enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall extend to and be in force in the said Province of *Upper Canada*; and shall be judicially taken notice of as such, by all Judges Justices and others in the United Kingdom aforesaid, and in the said Provinces, without being specially pleaded.

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