

actually possessed by the Seignior, although all or any part thereof may be in dispute.

for the purpose of the Schedule.

XXIII. And whereas the provision in the Seigniorial Act of 1854, prohibiting any Seignior from conceding or alienating the unconceded lands in his Seignior until after the deposit of the Schedule thereof retards settlement, it is therefore enacted, that from and after the passing of this Act, all unconceded lands in any Seignior the tenure of which has not been therefore commuted, shall be held by the Seignior *en franc aleu roturier*, and may be dealt with by him in like manner as lands held by other persons under the same tenure may be dealt with; except that if the Seignior be entailed (*substituée*) or held by any party otherwise than as absolute owner thereof, then the price of such lands shall form the capital of a *rente constituée*, which capital shall not be paid except to some party holding the Seignior as absolute owner thereof; but any party whose title would before the passing of the Seigniorial Act of 1854, have authorized him to concede such unconceded lands, may after the passing of this Act, sell the same for such *rente constituée* as aforesaid and not otherwise.

Seigniors allowed to alienate unconceded lands.

Proviso when the Seignior is substituted, &c.

XXIV. No lands held in Free and Common Soccage or *en franc aleu roturier*, shall be charged with any perpetual irredeemable rent; and whenever any such rent shall be so stipulated, the capital thereof may be at any time redeemed at the option of the holder of the land charged therewith, on payment of the capital of such rent calculated at the legal rate of interest, and any stipulation in any deed of conveyance (*translatif de propriété*) of any such land, tending to charge the same with any mutation fine or any payment in labor, or tending to entail upon the holder of any such land the duty of carrying his grain to any particular mill, or any other feudal duty, servitude or burthen whatsoever, shall be null and void.

Lands in soccage or *franc aleu* not to be charged with irredeemable rents, or mutation fines, &c.

XXV. Whenever the total amount of the *rentes constituées* payable on any land to the Seignior under the Schedule of his Seignior, shall not exceed two shillings and sixpence per annum, the same shall be redeemed by the *censitaire* within two years from the date of the notice of the deposit of the Schedule, and if not so redeemed, the capital may be demanded and recovered by the Seignior.

Rentes under 2/6 to be redeemed within two years.

XXVI. This Act shall be called and known as "The Seigniorial Amendment Act of 1856."

Short title.