
BILL.

An Act to confirm the Title to Lands held in trust for certain of the Indians resident in this Province.

WHEREAS defects have been found to exist in respect to the mode of execution of Titles to certain Lands in Upper Canada, acquired by certain Tribes of Indians, or by the Crown in trust for or on behalf of Indians or of Indian Tribes, and it is expedient to quiet and confirm such Titles; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

- 1.** For and notwithstanding anything contained in any Act of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada, or of the Parliament of the Province of Canada, heretofore made and passed, every Deed, Conveyance or Instrument purporting to be a Conveyance and Transfer of Lands, in Upper Canada, to any Tribe of Indians, or to the Crown in trust for or on behalf of Indians or of Indian Tribes, or now held by the Crown in any such trust from any married woman seized of or entitled to such real estate, and made and executed before the passing of this Act, by such married woman, either jointly with or without her husband, or made and executed by any person constituted and authorized by power of attorney executed by such married woman, either jointly with or without her husband, to execute such Deed, Conveyance or Instrument in her name or on her behalf, shall be taken and deemed a valid Conveyance of the Land therein mentioned, and the execution thereof shall be taken and deemed to be valid and effectual and to have passed the estate of such married woman in the said Land, although such Deed, Conveyance, Instrument or Power of Attorney was not executed by such married woman in accordance with the provisions of any Law or Statute in force in Upper Canada in respect to the conveyance of real estate by married women, and although no certificate of the consent of such married woman to convey her estate in the said Land, or an informal or insufficient certificate was endorsed upon such Deed, Conveyance or Instrument, whether executed by such married woman or by her Attorney, and although no certificate of such consent or an informal or insufficient certificate was endorsed upon such Power of Attorney.
- Conveyances from married women to Tribes of Indians, or to the Crown in trust for Indians, to be deemed valid although certificate of consent be informal, or be entirely wanting.*