

their and each and every of their rights in the premises shall be wholly and for ever determined.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the present Act or any of the dispositions therein contained, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to weaken, diminish or extinguish the rights and privileges of Her Majesty, the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, nor of any person or persons, body politic or corporate, in any of the things therein mentioned, (except as to the power and authority hereby given to the said Alexander Maurice Delisle, Benjamin Henri Lemoine, and Jean Baptiste Debien, their heirs and assigns, and except as to the rights which are hereby expressly altered and extinguished,) but that Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, and all and every person or persons, body politic or corporate, their heirs and assigns, executors and administrators, shall have and exercise the same rights (with the exceptions aforesaid) as they and each of them had before the passing of this Act, to every effect and purpose whatsoever, and in as ample a manner as if this Act had never been passed.

Not to affect the rights of the Crown.

XV. And be it enacted, That the penalties hereby inflicted, shall, upon proof of the offence, respectively, before any one or more of the Justices of the Peace for the said District of Montreal, either by the confession of the offender, or by the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, (which oath such Justice is hereby empowered and required to administer), be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of such offender, by Warrant signed by such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and the overplus, after such penalties and the charges of such distress and sale are deducted, shall be returned upon demand to the owner of such goods and chattels; and one half of such penalties, respectively, when paid and levied, shall be-

Penalties how recoverable.

How divided.