

CAP. XVI.

An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop in Charlottetown.

[Passed April 17, 1862.]

WHEREAS it is deemed just and expedient to incorporate the Right Reverend Peter MacIntyre, Roman Catholic Bishop in Charlottetown, in Prince Edward Island, for the purpose of enabling him and his successors to hold and acquire real estate in this Island for religious purposes.

Roman Catholic Bishop incorporated.

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Right Reverend Peter MacIntyre, and his successor and successors, being the Roman Catholic Bishop in Charlottetown aforesaid, in communion with the Church of Rome, and being British born subjects, or duly naturalized, shall be, and he is hereby declared to be a body corporate, in his diocese aforesaid, in deed and in name, and the said Peter MacIntyre and his successor and successors for the time being, by the name of "the Roman Catholic Episcopal corporation of the diocese of Charlottetown," shall, by the same name, have perpetual succession, and a common seal, and shall have power from time to time, by and with the advice of his Vicar General, or of two clergymen, as hereinafter mentioned, to alter and renew, or change such common seal at pleasure, and shall by the name aforesaid, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be able and capable in law, to have, hold, purchase, acquire, possess and enjoy, for the general use and uses, eleemosynary, ecclesiastical, or educational, of the said Church of Rome, in his diocese, or of the religious community, or of any portion of the same community within his diocese, any lands, tenements, or hereditaments within the said Island, and the same real estate, or any part thereof, for the purposes aforesaid, from time to time, by and with the advice and consent of his Vicar General, or of two clergymen, as aforesaid, to let or demise by indenture, under the seal of the said corporation, for any period not exceeding twenty-one years, from the day of the making thereof; provided that upon any such lease, the rent shall be reserved and payable to the said corporation, yearly, and every year during the continuance of the said lease; and no such lease shall be made without impeachment of waste, and no fine or sum in gross, shall, under any pretence whatsoever, be taken for the same, beyond such yearly rent so reserved, as aforesaid, otherwise the said lease shall be utterly null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and by the same name respectively, the said Roman Catholic Bishop, and his successor and successors shall and may be able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, implead