

tice in this Province, before the Cession thereof, to demand and obtain the re-union to the domain of his seignior, any number of lands or parcels of lands conceded *en roture*, the re-union whereof to the domain might, according to law be demanded, and whereof such Seignior thought proper to demand the re-union to the domain, in and by the same action, (*exploit de demande*,) although such lands or parcels of land had been conceded to divers persons, or were held by divers tenants; and whereas doubts exist, whether, under the laws now in force in Lower Canada, it is still lawful so to do; and in order to facilitate the re-union of the domain of such lands or parcels of land, and to render such re-union less expensive to the Seigniors and to the Censitaires; Be it enacted,

Action en ré-union.

XIV. That any Seignior, proprietor of a seignior, may by action or demand, in the form of a declaratory petition, *requête libellée*, sue and summon before the Superior Court, or the Justices thereof at their weekly sittings, in the District in which such seignior, or the greater part of such seignior is situate, any number he shall deem proper, of persons holding lands in the said Seignior, on the condition of settling on the same, and of performing the duties of actual residence (*tenir feu et lieu*,) thereupon, and who shall have failed to perform any one of the said conditions, and to demand, in and by such action, the re-union to the domain of such seignior, within such reasonable delay as shall be ordered by the Court, of all the lots of land, in respect to which such condition or conditions shall not have been fulfilled; and it shall be lawful for the said Court, or for the said Judges, to proceed and to give such judgment in the action as to law and justice shall appertain, with regard to the re-union of all such lots of land to the domain of the Seignior in which they are situate.

Service of writ of summons.

XV. In every such action, the writ of summons and the petition thereunto annexed, shall be served upon each of the concessionaires or tenants of the lands or parcels of land, the re-union whereof to the domain shall be demanded in and by such petition, by leaving with each of them individually, or at the domicile of each of them in the limits of the Seignior in which such lands or parcels of lands shall be situate, a duly certified copy of such writ of summons and of the petition thereunto annexed; or in case such concessionaires or tenants shall have no known domicile within the limits of such seignior, by posting such duly certified copy, on or near the principal entrance door of the church of the parish in which the said lands or parcels of land are situate; and if there be no church, then in the most conspicuous part of such lands or parcels of land.

Interlocutory judgment.

XVI. Whenever the said Court or the said Judges shall be of opinion that the lands, the re-union whereof