

Proprietors of the said Seigniories not having, at any time thereafter, any right, claim or pretention thereto, in any manner howsoever;” and whereas it is expedient and just that the powers heretofore exercised as above-mentioned, by the Governor, Lieutenant-General, and Intendant of New France or Canada, should now be vested in His Majesty’s Courts of King’s Bench for the several Districts in this Province;—Be it therefore enacted by the King’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, “ An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ *An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Québec in North America,*” and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,” and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, all and singular the jurisdiction, powers and authorities given and granted to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and the Intendant of New France or Canada by the aforesaid Decree or *Arrêt* of His Most Christian Majesty the King of France, relating to Lands in New France or Canada aforesaid, granted in Seigniorly, and remaining Waste and unconceded by the Seigniors owning the same, bearing date at Marly, the sixth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eleven, shall and may be held and exercised by the several Courts of King’s Bench in this Province, within the several and respective Districts in which the said Courts severally hold Pleas and have Jurisdiction, any Law, usage or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this Act contained, shall in anywise affect or prejudice the rights of His Majesty, his heirs and successors, or of any person or persons, body or bodies politic or corporate, except such as herein-mentioned and intended to be affected.