

IN THE BILL :

Amendments.

Line 1.—After “Whereas,” expunge the remainder of the Bill, and insert “by an Act of the Parliament of that part of the Province of *Canada*, heretofore called *Upper Canada*, passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King GEORGE the Fourth, intituled, “*An Act for the relief of the Religious Societies therein mentioned*,” after reciting that Religious Societies of various denominations of *Christians* found difficulty in securing the Titles of Land requisite for the site of a Church, Meeting House, or Chapel, or burying ground, for want of a corporate capacity to take and hold the same in perpetual succession; and that it was expedient to provide some safe and adequate relief in such cases,—It was enacted, that whenever any Religious Congregation or Society of Presbyterians, Lutherans, Calvinists, Methodists, Congregationalists, Independents, Anabaptists, Quakers, Menonists, Tunkers, or Moravians, should have occasion to take a conveyance of land for any of the uses aforesaid, it should and might be lawful for them to appoint Trustees to whom, and their successors, to be appointed in such manner as should be specified in the Deed, the land requisite for all or any of the purposes aforesaid, might be conveyed, and such Trustees and their successors in perpetual succession, by the name expressed in such Deed, should be capable of taking, holding, and possessing, such land, and of commencing and maintaining any action or actions in Law or Equity, for the protection thereof, and of their right thereto,—And it was further enacted that there should not be held in trust, for the purposes aforesaid, more than five acres of land for any one congregation: *And Whereas* it is expedient to extend the relief afforded by the said recited Act, as well to the Societies named therein, as to all other Societies of professing *Christians* of every denomination; Be it therefore enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of, an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, intituled “*An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada and for the Government of Canada*”—and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, or other, the person administering the duties of the Judge of the High Court of Chancery in this Province, upon the Petition of the Minister, Wardens, Deacons, or other, the parties holding office in any congregation of professing Christians of any denomination, setting forth the peculiar tenets of the society to which they respectively belong, together with the number of the Congregation composing the said Society, and the Township or place in which they intend respectively to congregate, and upon proof of the several facts contained in such Petition, to grant unto such Minister, Wardens, Deacons, or others, the parties holding office in any such Congregation, not being fewer than three in number, a license or permission, under the seal of the said Court, to hold to them and their successors in perpetual succession, for ever, in Mortmain, by the name expressed in such license or permission, any quantity of Land requisite for the site of a Church, Meeting House or Chapel, Burying Ground, residence for the Minister, Priest or religious Teacher, or other person administering the religious duties of such Congregation, and School Houses, and the appurtenances thereunto which may be necessary for the said several purposes, to be specified in such Petition, provided that there shall not be held in trust for the purposes aforesaid, under any such license, or permission, as aforesaid, more than ten acres of land for any one Congregation.

2. And be it enacted, that under or by virtue of such license or per-