

“traitorous conspiracies, and attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his person, crown and dignity; and I will do my utmost endeavor to disclose and make known to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, all treasons, and traitorous conspiracies, and attempts, which I shall know to be against him, or any of them; and all this I do swear without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation, and renouncing all pardons and dispensations from any power or person whomsoever to the contrary. So help me God.”

Persons refusing the oath to be subject to the penalties under 1st Elizabeth.

And every such person, who shall neglect or refuse to take the said oath before mentioned, shall incur and be liable to the same penalties, forfeitures, disabilities, and incapacities, as he would have incurred and been liable to for neglecting or refusing to take the oath required by the said statute passed in the first year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

His Majesty's Canadian subjects (religious orders excepted) may hold all their property, &c.

8. His Majesty's Canadian subjects, within the province of Quebec, the religious orders and communities only excepted, may also hold and enjoy their property and possessions, together with all customs and usages relative thereto, and all other their civil rights, in as large, ample, and beneficial a manner, as if the said proclamation, commissions, ordinances, and other Acts and instruments had not been made, and as may consist with their allegiance to his Majesty, and subjection to the crown and parliament of Great Britain; and in all matters of controversy, relative to property and civil rights, resort shall be had to the laws of Canada, as the rule for the decision of the same; and all causes that shall hereafter be instituted in any of the courts of justice, to be appointed within and for the said province, by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall, with respect to such property and rights, be determined agreeably to the said laws and customs of Canada, until they shall be varied or altered by any ordinances that shall, from time to time, be passed in the said province by the governor, lieutenant governor, or commander in chief, for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council of the same, to be appointed in manner hereinafter mentioned.

In civil matters resort to be had to the laws of Canada.

Exception as to lands in free and common soccage.

9. Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any lands that have been granted by His Majesty, or shall hereafter be granted by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to be holden in free and common soccage. (*But see now the Provincial Statutes in force in Lower Canada on this subject.*)

Owners of lands &c., may alienate the same by will.

10. Provided also that it shall and may be lawful for every person that is owner of any lands, goods, or credits, in the said province, and that has a right to alienate the said lands, goods, or credits, in his or her life-time, by deed of sale, gift, or otherwise, to devise or bequeath the same at his or her death, by his

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