

the resident magistrate, which is equal to a quit-claim deed. Then, so soon as he is prepared to pay for the survey of his land and one dollar per acre, he gets a regular Crown deed. Improvements that would be valued at 100 dols. in Canada would be reckoned at about 500 dols. here, and at 1,000 in the region of our gold fields."

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## III.

ANNO VICESIMO PRIMO &amp; VICESIMO SECUNDO.

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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CAP. XCIX.

AN ACT to provide for the Government of  
British Columbia. [2d August, 1858.]

WHEREAS divers of Her Majesty's subjects and others have, by the licence and consent of Her Majesty, resorted to and settled on certain wild and unoccupied territories on the north-west coast of North America, commonly known by the designation of New Caledonia, and from and after the passing of this Act to be named British Columbia, and the islands adjacent for mining and other pur-