

COMPULSORY COMMUTATION IN CERTAIN CASES, AND ABOLITION OF *LÔDS ET VENTES*.

XXXVIII. No *lods et ventes* shall accrue or be payable on any mutation in the ownership of any land held *en roture*, by virtue of a Deed (*acte*) bearing date after the passing of this Act, but any mutation in the ownership of such lands, which without this Act would have carried *lods et ventes*, shall have the effect of converting *ipso facto* the price for which the Seigniorial rights on such land may be redeemed into a constituted rent, redeemable at any time, (except in cases where under the proviso to Section the price of redemption cannot be paid in money,) and payable yearly to the Seignior at the same period as the yearly rents, until it shall be redeemed by the payment of the capital, and if such mutation be effected by a Deed bearing date before the deposit of the Schedule by which the price of redemption is to be fixed, then interest on such price from the date of such Deed to the date of that deposit of the Schedule, shall be payable to the Seignior.

No *lods et ventes* to accrue hereafter, but the mutation on which they would have accrued to operate as a commutation.

GENERAL COMMUTATION.

XXXIX. Whenever a petition stating that of the *ceusitaires* of any Seignior are desirous of redeeming the seigniorial rights payable on the lands held by them *en roture* in such Seignior shall be submitted to the Governor, it shall be lawful for the said Governor to order any Notary whom he shall be pleased to name for that purpose, to ascertain on the spot in such way as the said Notary shall deem fit, whether in fact the of the *ceusitaires* in such Seignior desire such redemption.

Petition of *ceusitaires* to the Governor.

Notary to be appointed.

XL. it shall be lawful for the Notary thus named, to summon before him the Seignior of such Seignior, or his Agent, or any other person, and to require them to exhibit to him all plans, books, papers or documents, and to afford him all such information as he may consider needful for the due performance of the duties imposed on him by this Act; and any such person who shall refuse or neglect to exhibit such plans, books, papers or documents, shall incur a penalty of *Twenty Pounds* currency, recoverable with costs before any Court of competent jurisdiction, and payable one moiety to Her Majesty, and the other to the informant.

Proceeding by the Notary so appointed.

XLI. And as soon as the Secretary of the Province shall have received from the Notary so named a certificate setting forth, that in fact of the *ceusitaires*, owners of lands situate in such Seignior, are desirous of redeeming the seigniorial rights payable on such lands, he shall publish in the English and French languages in the *Canada Gazette*, or other newspaper recognized as the Official Gazette of the Province, a notice in the terms of the form annexed to this Act, or in

Report of such Notary.