

as many Emigrants from your Majesty's United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and others the faithful Subjects of your Majesty have been, are, and in time to come may be, deterred and prevented from applying for and obtaining Grants of the Waste Lands of Your Majesty in this Province, and deprived of your Majesty's Royal bounty in this behalf; and whereby also the settlement and improvement of this Province has been, is, and hereafter may be, materially retarded to the common grievance of all your Majesty's liege Subjects inhabiting the same; for remedy whereof, may it therefore please your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the Kings Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council & 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 Quebec 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 and from and after the passing of this Act, no public officers whose duty doth in any way concern the granting of such Crown Lands, shall directly or indirectly demand, receive or take any fee, profit or advantage, whatsoever, upon or in respect of any petition or petitions for a grant or grants of a part or of parts of the said Waste Lands, or upon or in respect of any proceeding or proceedings had upon such petition or petitions, or upon or in respect of any Survey or Surveys, Warrant or Warrants of Survey, of the said Waste Lands, or upon or in respect of the Patent or Patents to be issued for the granting of the same, save and except such fees as have been or shall be from time to time established by His Majesty under His Signet and Sign Manual, or by His Majesty's Instructions, signified by one of the Principal Secretaries of State, or by an Act or Acts of the Legislature of this Province.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any Persons or Persons whatsoever, in any manner or way concerned in the granting of such lands as aforesaid, shall unlawfully demand, receive or take any such fee, or advantage as aforesaid, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act, every such person shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds Current money of this Province, for the first offence; two hundred pounds Current money aforesaid for the second; and five hundred pounds