

INTERPRETATION AND EXTENT OF THIS ACT.

Act not to extend to certain Seigniories.

Seigniorie of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, and certain *fiefs* held of it.

Crown and Jesuits' Seigniories. Ordinance Seigniories. Certain lands in Sherrington Act of L. C. 3 Geo. 4, c. 14. Proviso: Governor may grant equal advantages to *colons* in Crown Seigniories.

Act not to affect arrears, &c.

Seignior's rights to be determined as they stood before the passing of this Act.

Interpretation of words: Seigniorie;

Seignior;

XXXV. And, for the interpretation of this Act—Be it enacted, That none of the provisions of this Act shall extend to the wild and unceded lands in Seigniories held by the Crown in trust for the Indians, nor to the Seigniories held by the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of St. Sulpice of Montreal, nor to either of the *Fiefs* Nazareth, Saint Augustin, Saint Joseph, Closse and Lagachetière, in the City and County of Montreal, nor to any other *arrière-fief* depending upon (*relevant de*) any of the said Seigniories, nor to the Seigniories of the late Order of Jesuits or other Seigniories held by the Crown and not above mentioned, nor to the Seigniories held by the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordinance, nor to any lands held *en franc-aleu noble* and granted under and by virtue of the Act of the Parliament of the late Province of Lower Canada, passed in the third year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, and intitled: *An Act for the relief of certain censitaires or grantees of La Salle and others therein mentioned, possessing lands within the limits of the Township of Sherrington*: Provided always, that the Governor in Council may if he shall see fit, grant to the *Censitaires* of the Crown Seigniories the Revenues whereof belong to the Province, (including the Seigniories of the late order of Jesuits), upon commutation of their lands, equal advantages and relief as are hereby granted to the *Censitaires* of Seigniories not excepted from the operation of this Act.

XXXVI. Nothing herein contained shall affect the right to, or the recovery of, any arrears of Seigniorial dues accrued before the passing of this Act, or shall give any person whomsoever any right of action for the recovery of money or other value paid by him or his predecessors in the form of rents or other Seigniorial dues, or for the recovery of damages which he may pretend to claim, for the privation of any right of which he may deem that he has been illegally deprived by his Seignior, unless he would have had such right of action if this Act had not been passed; nor shall any thing in this Act be construed to weaken or to support any claim of any Seignior or of any *Censitaires* to any right claimed by or for them respectively, at the hearing on the questions and propositions to be submitted under this Act to the Judges for their decision, but the same shall be decided by the law as it stood immediately before the passing of this Act.

XXXVII. The word "Seigniorie," wherever it occurs in this Act, shall be construed as meaning any part of a *Fief*, *arrière-fief* or Seigniorie held by a single individual, or by a Corporation, or held by several persons in common (*par indivis*) as well as the whole of a *fief*, *arrière-fief*, or Seigniorie, except in such parts of this Act in which the words "*arrière-fief*" and "*Seigniorie*" are made use of to distinguish the *Fief dominant* from the *fief servant*; and the word "Seignior" shall be construed as meaning

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