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tinue repealed; Provided that all actions and proceedings in law or equity sued out in other sections of the Frovince, prior to this Act coming into force and effect, shall and may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution as if this Act had not been passed, and that all applications or petitions for Patents pending at the time of this Act coming into force and effect, shall be proceeded with and acted on in the same manner as if they had 10 been made after this Act shall have come into operation.

Interpretation of words in this Act.

XXI. And for the interpretation of this Act, be it enacted, That the expressions "useful art, machine, manufacture or com-15 "position of matter," shall include any such thing herein referred to whether it be made by hand or by machinery or by both of those means; the expression "Foreign Country" shall include any country not under the 20 British dominion and subject to the Crown thereof, and the singular number shall include the plural as well all as the singular number, and the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender as well as the masculine 25 gender.