

Persons in possession of lands prior to the Letters Patent to hold them

IV. *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That all persons now in the possession of any Lands or Tenements in the said Tract, claiming to hold the same under and by virtue of a possession in themselves, or those under whom they claim prior to the passing of the said Letters Patent, in whatsoever way or manner, and whether by virtue of any Title or otherwise, such possession may have commenced, shall respectively have, hold and enjoy, all such Lands and Tenements in fee simple, or such other Estate or Estates therein, as may have passed, or been intended to pass, in and by any conveyance or transfer thereof, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons holding for 20 years adverse to Grantees to retain possession

V. *And provided also, and be it enacted*, That all persons now in the actual possession of any Lands or Tenements in the said Tract, and of which such person or such persons, and those under whom they claim, may have been in the actual possession for twenty years previous to the passing of this Act, holding the same adverse to persons claiming title thereto under any of the aforesaid Grants, Letters Patent, Licenses of Occupation or Warrants of Survey, or otherwise howsoever, or holding the same to the exclusion of any person or persons jointly interested therein, shall respectively have, hold and enjoy, all such Lands and Tenements to them, their heirs and assigns, forever, in fee simple, or such other Estate or Estates therein as may have passed to them, or any of them, under any subsequent conveyance or transfer thereof.

The residue of the Lands to be vested in Her Majesty

Provide

VI. *And be it enacted*, That the Title in and to all the rest, residue and remainder of the Lands in the aforesaid Tract, called the Miré Grant, not hereinbefore mentioned and allotted, shall be and become, and is hereby declared to be vested in Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, all or any Grant or Grants, Conveyance or Conveyances, Acts, Matters, or Proceedings whatsoever, to the contrary notwithstanding. *Provided always*, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, to take into consideration the equitable claims of all persons now in possession of any part of such residue of the said tract of land, and to order and direct, if he shall see fit so to do, a free grant or grants, or a grant or grants for a less price than might otherwise be required and obtained for such Lands of the same or any part thereof to be made and passed to any such person or persons so in possession as aforesaid.

In case of a conflict of title to be settled by the Governor and Council

VII. *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That in case of any conflict of title between persons holding under titles derived from the Crown, or by virtue of a possession for twenty years or upwards, in and to any part of the said land, under the provisions of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, to settle such conflicting claims upon equitable principles, and in such a manner as shall appear right; and such settlement so made shall be final between the parties.

Suspending clause

VIII. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this Act contained shall be of any force or effect until Her Majesty's pleasure be signified thereon.

CAP. XI.

An Act to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.

Passed the 29th day of March, 1843.

Persons having qualification in any part of the Province may be elected for any Town or County

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, any person who shall be otherwise by law duly qualified to be elected, and who shall have in any County or Township in this Province, a qualification in Real Estate, of the value, nature, and description, in the ninth, tenth, and eleventh clauses of the Act passed in the second year of Her present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, mentioned and thereby described, shall be and be held, deemed, and authorized to be duly qualified to be elected as a Member of Assembly for any County or Township in this Province, notwithstanding such qualification in Real Estate may not be situate in the County or Township for which such person may be elected.

Suspending clause

II. *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That this Act shall not go into operation, or be of any force or effect until Her Majesty's assent shall be given thereto.