

qui n'auront pas été déjà exécutés, les parties toujours conservans leur droit d'appel comme fuduit, où les affaires en litige auront excédé les sommes ci-dessus limitées de Trois Cens Livres *Sterling*, et de Cinq Cens Livres *Sterling*.

Donné par son Excellence l'Honorable JACQUES MURRAY, Ecuyer, Capitaine-Général et Gouverneur en Chef de la Province de QUEBEC, Territoires et Dependances d'icelle, Vice-Amiral d'iceux, Gouverneur de la Ville de Québec, Colonel-Commandant du Second Bataillon du Régiment Royal Américain &c. &c. Au Conseil à Québec, le 20^{me} Jour de Septembre, Anno Domini, 1764, et dans la Quatrième Année du Règne de Notre Souverain Seigneur GEORGE III. par la Grace de DIEU, de la Grande-Bretagne, de France, et d'Irlande, ROI, Défenseur de la Foi, &c. &c.

J. A. MURRAY.

Par Ordre de Son EXCELLENCE au Conseil,
J. GRAY, D. Sec.

An ORDINANCE, *For quieting People in their Possessions, and fixing the Age of Maturity.*

WHEREAS it appears right and necessary, to quiet the Minds of the People, in Regard to their Possessions, and to remove every Doubt respecting the same, which may any Ways tend to excite and encourage vexatious Law-Suits; and until a Matter of so serious and complicated a Nature, fraught with many and great Difficulties, can be seriously considered, and such Measures therein taken, as may appear the most likely to promote the Well-fare and Prosperity of the Province in general, His Excellency, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, *Doth hereby Ordain and Declare*, That until the tenth Day of *August* next, the Tenures of Lands, in Respect to such Grants as are prior to the Cession thereof, by the definitive Treaty of Peace, signed at *Paris* the tenth Day of *February*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three, and the Rights of Inheritance, as practised before that Period, in such Lands or Effects, of any Nature whatsoever, according to the Custom of this Country, shall remain to all Intents and Purposes the same, unless they shall be altered by some declared and positive Law; for which Purpose the present Ordinance shall serve as a Guide and Direction in all such Matters, to every Court of Record in this Province: Provided that nothing in this Ordinance contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to the Prejudice of the Rights of the Crown, or to debar His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors from obtaining, by due Course of Law, in any of His Courts of Record in this Province, according to the Laws of *Great-Britain*, any Lands or Tenements, which at any Time hereafter may be found to be vested in His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors; and in the Possession of any Grantee or Grantees, his, her, or their Assigns, or such as claim under them, by Virtue of any such Grants as aforesaid, or under Pretence thereof, or which hereafter may be found to have become forfeited to His Majesty, by Breach of all or any of the Conditions in such Grants respectively mentioned and contained.

And be it Ordained and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first Day of *January*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five, every Person arrived at the Age of Twenty-one compleat Years, shall be deemed for the future of full Age and Maturity agreeable to the Laws of *England*, and shall be entitled to take full Possession from that Time of every Estate or Right to him belonging; in Consequence thereof to sue for the same, or bring to Account the Guardians, or other Persons who may have been entrusted therewith.

GIVEN by His Excellency the Honorable JAMES MURRAY, Esq. Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Province of QUEBEC, and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice Admiral of the same, Governor of the Town of Quebec, Colonel-Commandant of the Second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, &c. &c. In Council, at Quebec, the 6th Day of November, Anno Domini,