

Proviso:
if the case be
removed into
Superior
Court.

the thing demanded exceeds the sum of twenty-five pounds currency. Provided, nevertheless, that if such suit be removed by appeal or otherwise to the Superior Court, the costs shall be the same as in other petitory actions before the said Court; and provided further, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to deprive any proprietor or proprietors of the right they now possess of instituting any petitory action before the Superior Court, but that it shall be at their option to proceed under this Act or to institute a petitory action in the Superior Court in the same manner as if this Act had not been passed. 5 10

Act not to
affect claim
for improve-
ments.

XI. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall have the effect of depriving any person or persons of any claim they would by law have previous to this Act's coming into effect, for betterments or improvements made by them upon any real property of which they may be in occupation. 15

Extent of Act.

XII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall apply to Lower Canada only. 20