



CHAP. XV.

An Act for the protection of the Lands of the Crown in this Province, from trespass and injury.

[Passed 11th May, 1839.]

WHEREAS the lands appropriated for the residence of certain Indian Tribes in this Province, as well as the unsurveyed lands, and lands of the Crown ungranted and not under location, or sold or held by virtue of any lease or license of occupation, have from time to time been taken possession of by persons having no lawful right or authority so to do : And whereas the said lands have also been from time to time unlawfully entered upon, and the timber, trees, stone and soil, removed therefrom, and other injuries have been committed thereon ; And whereas it is necessary to provide by law for the summary removal of persons unlawfully occupying the said lands, as also to protect the same from future trespass and injury : Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, " An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, ' An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," and by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, from time to time, as he shall deem necessary, to appoint two or more Commissioners under the Great Seal of this Province, to receive information, and to inquire into any complaint that may be made to them, or any one of them, against any person for illegally possessing himself of any of the aforesaid lands, for the cession of which to Her Majesty no agreement hath been made with the Tribes occupying the same, and who may claim title thereto ; and also to in-

Preamble.

Commissioners may be appointed to inquire concerning trespasses committed upon Indian Lands, &c.