

V. And for the more perfect security and ease of the minds of the inhabitants of the said Province, it is hereby declared, that His Majesty's subjects professing the Religion of the Church of Rome, of and in the said Province of Quebec, may have, hold and enjoy, the free exercise of the Religion of the Church of Rome, subject to the King's supremacy, declared and established by an Act made in the first year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, over all the Dominions and Countries which then did, or thereafter should belong, to the Imperial Crown of this Realm; and that the Clergy of the said Church may hold, receive, and enjoy their accustomed dues and rights, with respect to such persons only as shall profess the said Religion.

Inhabitants of Quebec may profess the Romish religion, &c.

VI. *Provided nevertheless*, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, to make such provision out of the rest of the said accustomed dues and rights, for the encouragement of the Protestant Religion, and for the maintenance and support of a Protestant Clergy within the said Province, as he or they shall from time to time, think necessary and expedient.

VII. *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That no person professing the Religion of the Church of Rome, and residing in the said Province, shall be obliged to take the oath required by the said Statute, passed in the first year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, or any other oaths substituted by any other Act in the place thereof; but that every such person who, by the said Statute, is required to take the oath therein mentioned, shall be obliged, and is hereby required, to take and subscribe the following oath, before the Governor, or such other person in such Court of Record as His Majesty shall appoint, who are hereby authorised to administer the same, viz.—

No person professing the Romish religion obliged to take the oath of 1 Elizabeth. but to take the following oath.

“ I, *A. B.* do sincerely promise and swear, that I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George, and him will defend to the utmost of my power, against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown and Dignity; and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, all treasons, and traitorous conspiracies and attempts, which I shall know to be against him or any of them; and all this I do swear without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation, and renouncing all pardons and dispensations from any Power and Person whomsoever to the contrary—So help me God.”

And every such person who shall neglect or refuse to take the said oath before mentioned, shall incur and be liable to the same penalties, forfeitures disabilities and incapacities, as he would have incurred and been liable to, for neglecting or refusing to take the oath required by the said Statute passed in the first year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth.

VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all His Majesty's Canadian subjects within the Province of Quebec, the Religious Orders and Communities only excepted, may also hold and enjoy their property and possessions, together with all customs and usages relative thereto, and all other their civil rights, in as large, ample, and beneficial manner.

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