

XLI. GEO. III., CAP. XVII.

An Act for the establishment of Free Schools and the advancement of Learning in this Province.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

WHEREAS Your Majesty, from Your paternal regard for the welfare and prosperity of Your subjects of this Province, hath been most graciously pleased to give directions for establishing a competent number of free schools for the instruction of their children in the first rudiments of useful learning, and also as occasion may require, for foundations of a more enlarged and comprehensive nature; And whereas Your Majesty hath been further most graciously pleased to signify Your royal intentions, that a suitable proportion of the lands of the Crown, be set apart, and the revenue thereof appropriated to such purposes:—Therefore we, Your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the legislative council and assembly of Your Province of Lower Canada, with the most lively gratitude for this new instance of Your Majesty's paternal attention to the wants of Your Majesty's subjects, and desirous to contribute every thing in our power, for the execution of a plan so peculiarly beneficial to the rising generation, do most humbly beseech Your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it acted, &c.—That it shall and may be lawful to and for His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the government of this Province, for the time being, by an instrument under the great seal of this Province, to constitute and appoint such and so many persons as he shall see fit, to be trustees of the schools of Royal foundation in this Province, and of all other institutions, of Royal foundation, to be hereafter established for the advancement of learning therein, as also for the management and administration, improvement and amelioration of all estates and property, moveable or immoveable, which shall in any manner or way whatsoever, be hereafter appropriated to the said schools and institutions, for the purposes of education and the advancement of learning, within this Province, to remove, from time to time, the said trustees or any or either of them, and to appoint others to be the successors of such as shall be so removed, or shall die, or resign their trust.

Preamble.

See Tables.

Governor empowered to appoint trustees of the schools of Royal foundation.

II. And be it further enacted, &c., that the said trustees and their successors, to be named in manner hereinbefore directed and appointed, shall be and they are hereby declared to be, a body corporate and politic, in name and in deed, by the name of *The Royal Institution for the advancement of learning*; and that by the same name, they shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to change, alter, break and make new the same, when and as often as they shall judge the same to be expedient; and that they and their successors, by the same name, may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all or any court of record or places of judicature within this Province; and that they and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law, to purchase, take, have, hold, receive, enjoy, possess, and retain, without

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