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OF THE

PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.



C A P. I.

An ACT for transferring to and vesting in the Crown such Lands and Tenements of any Person or Body Politic, on which it may be judged suitable and necessary to erect Fortifications, or which may be wanted for other uses of War and Defence, and for ascertaining the value thereof and making compensation for the same to the former Owners.---
Passed the 16th March, 1803.

WHEREAS it is highly reasonable, just and requisite that his Majesty should be authorized and empowered to resume the Grants of any Lands or Tenements of the Crown, heretofore made, or hereafter to be made and passed, upon which it may be suitable and necessary to erect Fortifications, and other Military works, or which may be wanted for other uses and purposes of war and defence; for a valuable consideration to be therefor paid to the owners and occupants according to a just and equal valuation of the same.

Preamble:

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That at any time or times hereafter, whenever the General or Commander in Chief of his Majesty's forces, or Commanding Royal Engineer in this Province, shall judge it expedient for his Majesty's service, and the better security and defence of this frontier Territory, to erect Fortifications or other Military works, upon Lands or Tenements granted and belonging to any person or persons, or body politic, or to hold, occupy and possess the same for any Military uses and purposes whatsoever, and shall make a representation or suggestion thereof to this effect, to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of the Province, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of the Province, for the time being, if to his wisdom and discretion it shall appear fit, for his Majesty's service, and the security of the Province, to order the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to issue a Writ or Writs, in his Majesty's name, directed to the Sheriff of the County in which the Lands or Tenements so required, are situate, and thereby commanding him, after advertising

Whenever the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces or Commanding Engineer in this Province, shall represent to the Governor the expedience of erecting Fortifications on Lands belonging to any person or body politic.

The Governor may order the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to issue a Writ to the Sheriff of the County in which the Lands lie,

commanding him to inquire by a Jury of