

son administering the Government of this Province, for the time being, before the same shall be finally fixed upon, or any purchase thereof made.

As soon as the Lots are fixed on & the Governor's approbation obtained, the Commissioners to contract for the purchase of them in fee simple.

To be conveyed to the Prothonotaries of the Court of King's Bench, and to their successors for ever.

To be a Corporation for holding in perpetual succession the said Lots of ground and Court Houses &c.

Corporations aggregate or sole, &c. seized, &c. or any Piece of ground on which the Court Houses are intended to be erected, may contract, &c. with the Prothonotaries of the Court of King's Bench, which contracts &c. to be valid in Law.

As soon as the several lots of Ground are conveyed, the Commissioners to erect and finish two substantial Court Houses, &c.

Provided, that the sum to be expended in the District of Quebec, does not exceed £5000. The Court House &c. for the District of Montreal do not exceed £5000.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that when such Lots of Ground shall be so fixed upon, with such approbation as aforesaid, the said Commissioners or any two of them, in each of the said Districts respectively, shall as soon as may be, contract for the absolute purchase, in fee simple, of the said Lots of Ground, and each of them, in the said Districts respectively, for the purpose of erecting thereon, such Court Houses, and proper Offices as aforesaid, in such manner as is herein after directed, which Ground so to be purchased, shall be conveyed to the Prothonotary of the Court of King's Bench, for the time being, of and for the District in which the Lot of Ground so to be purchased, shall be situated, and to his Successors for ever: and the Prothonotaries of the Court of King's Bench for the Districts of Quebec and Montreal respectively and their respective successors for the time being for ever, are hereby made and declared to be a corporation for the special purpose of being respectively capable, to take and hold in perpetual Succession, for the uses and purposes of this Act, the said respective Lots of Ground and Court Houses and proper Offices as aforesaid, which shall be thereon erected.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful, to and for all Corporations, aggregate or sole, ecclesiastical, civil or eleemosynary, Husbands, Guardians, Tutors, Curators and all Trustees whatsoever, not only on behalf of themselves, but also on behalf of the persons, for whom they act, whether Minors or issue Unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femmes Coverts or other person or persons, who are or shall be seized, possessed of or interested in any Piece or Pieces of Ground on which the said Court Houses and proper Offices in the said several Districts, or either of them, shall be appointed to be erected, to contract or agree for, sell, convey, and assure such piece or pieces of Ground, unto the Prothonotary of the said Court of King's Bench, in the District wherein such piece or pieces of Ground, shall be respectfully situated; and all such Contracts, Agreements, Sales, Conveyances and Assurances, shall be valid and effectual in Law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and all Corporations and persons so agreeing or conveying, are hereby indemnified, for what they shall respectively do by virtue of this Act.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that when the said Lots of Ground in each of the said Districts respectively, shall be so conveyed as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any two of them, in each of the said Districts respectively, and they are hereby required, to cause to be thereon erected and finish two strong and substantial Court Houses with proper Offices for the the convenient Sitzings of the Courts of Justice of and for each of the said Districts, respectively; Provided always, that the Sum to be expended by virtue of this Act, in and about the purchase of a Lot of Ground, and in and about the Building of a Court House, with proper Offices as above described, in the said District of Quebec, shall not exceed five thousand Pounds current Money of this Province; and that the sum to be expended by virtue of this Act, in and about the purchase of a Lot of Ground, and in and about the Building of a Court House with proper Offices, as above described, in the said District of Montreal, shall not exceed five thousand Pounds, current