

think, will shew you in how loose and vague a mode this business is determined. That no time, however, may be lost, we have to propose that the township of Chesser be explored, lying on the South side of the peninsula, about 35 miles West of the town of Halifax; which, by information, is one of the best escheatable tracts on the sea coast, and reserved until we hear of your determination on this head. We beg to know, whether the tract on Sissiboo river is considered as an object worth your regard. We flatter ourselves that the vacant tracts on St. Mary's bay would have been entirely acceptable: We preferred

by the absence of several of the grantees, and the neglect and death of others, many of the lots lie waste: in order, therefore, to encourage the improvement of the land within the said Peninsula, be it enacted by his Excellency the Governor, Council, and Assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that, in all cases where the grantees of lands within the said Peninsula have been abroad from the province, or have lived thereon, for the space of seven years, and no improvements made thereon for that time, and likewise, in such cases where any grantees have claimed said land, it shall and may be lawful, upon an inquest of office, on the oath of twelve men sworn for that purpose, held before the commissioner of escheats and forfeitures, according to the commission to him granted, and duly returned in the office of register of the court of chancery for the Governor and Commander in Chief for the time being, with the consent and advice of his Majesty's Council, to make grants and conveyances of such lands so returned, which grants and conveyances shall be good, valid, and effectual, to all intents and purposes whatever.

Provided that it shall and may be lawful for all persons, interested or intitled to such lands comprized in said office, to traverse the same within twelve months from the date of such inquest; and if the said office not being traversed within the said time, the grant of such land, by virtue of such inquest, by the Governor or Commander in Chief, with advice as aforesaid, shall be absolute, according to the form and effect of such grant.

And whereas it may be doubtful, whether the registry of lots of land, granted simply as lots, without any formal conveyance under the seal of the Province, within the Peninsula of Halifax, or elsewhere, in this Province, import a conveyance in fee simple to the person in whose name the same are registered; for the quieting such persons in their possessions, be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that all and every person having a right to claim by virtue of such registry, excepting the persons absent and neglecting to improve as aforesaid, shall be entitled to a full and absolute estate in fee simple in the lands so registered, any want of form in the said registry notwithstanding.

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