

administering the Government as aforesaid, in pursuance of such Instructions, and by and with such Advice as aforesaid, shall appear meet and expedient; and thereupon to release the Person or Persons so applying, his, her, and their Heirs and Assigns, and all and every the Lands comprized in such Fief or Seignior, from the said *droit de quint*, *droit de relief*, and all other Feudal Burthens due or to grow due thereupon to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, of whatsoever Nature or Kind, for ever; and to cause a fresh Grant to be made to the Person or Persons, so applying, of all such Parts and Parcels of such Fief or Seignior as shall as aforesaid remain and be in his, her, or their Possession ungranted, and which shall not be held *à titre de fief*, in *arriere fief* as aforesaid, or *à titre de cens*, to be thenceforward holden in Free and Common Soccage, in like Manner as Lands are now holden in Free and Common Soccage in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, without its being necessary for the Validity of such Grant, that any Allotment or Appropriation of Lands for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy should be therein made; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Such Fief or Seignior may be re-granted to the Proprietor in Free and Common Soccage.

Feudal and Seigniorial rights on the granted Parts of such Seignior not to be affected, until a Commutation thereof shall be obtained as herein-after provided.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where such fresh Grant as aforesaid shall be made, nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to take away, diminish, alter, or in any Manner or Way affect the Feudal, Seigniorial or other Rights of the Seignior or Person in whose Favour such Grant shall be made, upon and in respect of all and every the Lands held of him *à titre de cens*, or *à titre de fief*, in *arriere fief*, as aforesaid, making Part of his, her, or their Fief or Seignior, on which a Commutation of the *droit de quint*, or *droit de relief*, shall have been obtained as aforesaid; but that all and every such Feudal, Seigniorial, and other Rights shall continue and remain in full force upon and in respect of such Lands so held *à titre de fief*, in *arriere fief* as aforesaid, or *à titre de cens*, and the Proprietors and Holders of the same, as if such Commutation or Grant had not been made, until a Commutation, Release, and Extinguishment thereof shall have been obtained in the Manner herein-after mentioned.

Persons holding Lands in Fief, and obtaining a Commutation as aforesaid, shall be bound to grant the like Commutation to those holding under them, if required;

III. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Seignior or Seigniors, or Person or Persons holding Land, *à titre de fief* in the said Province of *Lower Canada*, shall by reason or means of a Commutation with His Majesty, or of a surrender of his, her, or their Fief or Seignior, or any Part thereof, to His Majesty, or by reason or means of a Commutation with his or their immediate superior Lord or Seignior, or otherwise howsoever, have obtained or shall or may hereafter obtain, for himself, herself, or themselves, his, her, or their Heirs or Assigns, from His Majesty, or from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of the said Province of *Lower Canada*, or from his, her, or their immediate superior Lord or Seignior, a Release from and Extinguishment of the *droit de quint*, or *droit de relief*, due and payable by him, her, or them, his, her, or their Heirs and Assigns, for or in respect of Lands so held *à titre de fief*, such Seignior or Seigniors, Person or Persons aforesaid, his, her, and their Heirs and Assigns, shall be held and bound, when thereunto required by any of his, her, or their *censitaires*, or the Persons who now hold or hereafter may hold the said Lands, or any of them, or any Part thereof, *à titre de fief*, in *arriere fief* as aforesaid, or *à titre de cens*, to consent to grant, and allow to and in favour of such *censitaires*, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, requiring the same, a Commutation, Release, and Extinguishment, of and from the *droit de quint* and *droit de relief*, or *droit de lods et ventes*, as the Case may be, and all other Feudal and Seigniorial Rights and Burthens to which such *censitaire* or other Person or Persons, his or their Heirs and Assigns, and his and their Lands so held by him or them, may be subject or liable, to such Seignior or Seigniors, Person or Persons aforesaid, his, her, or their Heirs and Assigns, for a just and reasonable Price, Indemnity, or Consideration, to be paid for the same, which