

An Act to confirm certain proceedings of the Catholic inhabitants of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin at Three Rivers, relative to the property of their Fabrique, to impose and levy an assessment upon the said inhabitants, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS at a General Meeting of the Churchwardens and past Churchwardens, notables, freeholders and proprietors of real estate in the Parish of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin at Three Rivers, summoned according to law and held at the *Banc d'œuvre* of the Parish Church of the said Parish, on Sunday, the fifteenth day of the month of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, after Parochial Mass, the senior Churchwarden in office presiding, and at which meeting were present His Grace Monseigneur the Archbishop of Quebec, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Quebec, in which the said Parish is situate, the *Curé* of the said Parish, the first and third Churchwardens in office, and a large number of past Churchwardens, inhabitants, freeholders and proprietors of real estate in the said Parish, it was declared that the District of Three Rivers and a part of the District of St. Francis as erected for civil purposes, had been separated from the Catholic Diocese of Quebec, and erected into a separate Catholic Diocese, under the name of the Diocese of Three Rivers, in which an Episcopal Seat had been established and erected, and seven resolutions were adopted and agreed to, and more particularly the following, to wit:—

20 *Secondly*.—That for the endowment of the new Bishopric (that of Three Rivers) the Parishioners do cede and transfer to the Bishop of Three Rivers and his successors, the Parish Church, Sacristy, Church-yard, Parsonage-house and their dependencies, and all the other real and personal property, to have and to hold to the said Bishop and his successors for ever, (without the power of at any time alienating the same,) and to administer the same by himself, or by such persons or agents as he should appoint, subject to the charges, terms and conditions following, that is to say: 1°—To provide for the spiritual care of such Parish in a befitting manner by the necessary Priests, Officers and

25 Servants of the Church, whose salaries and emoluments shall be paid out of his own funds. 2°—To discharge at his own cost the endowments, obits, *cens et rentes*, if any there be, and other dues which the *Fabrique* are bound to discharge. 3°—To provide for the maintenance and repairing of the Church, Sacristy, Church-yard, and Parsonage-house

30 or Episcopal Palace and their dependencies, and to insure to a reasonable amount the Church, Sacristy and Parsonage-house or Episcopal Palace, the whole at his own costs and expense. 4°—To keep a register in due

Preamble.
Proceedings
at a General
Meeting of the
Parishioners
of Three
Rivers, cited.

Resolutions
adopted at the
Meeting, cited.

Second Reso-
lution at the
said meeting.

The Parish
Church ceded
to the Bishop.

On what con-
ditions.