

to vest their estates in His Majesty," and by Inquisitions duly taken and returned, according to the provisions of the said Act, His Majesty has become seized of Lands in this Province, of considerable value, which it is expedient should be sold, that the claims of all bona fide creditors, and persons having any just lien or security upon the same, may be paid and satisfied, and the remaining proceeds thereof applied agreeably to the gracious instructions of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, acting in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, communicated through His Honor Samuel Smith, Esquire, late Administrator of the Government of this Province, towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's faithful Subjects of this Province have sustained by the invasion of the enemy, or otherwise, in consequence of the War, lately terminated between His Majesty and the United States of America; And whereas, also, during the late War with the United States of America, a number of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, contrary to their duty of Allegiance, were wickedly and traitorously adhering to the enemies of His Majesty, or did levy War against His Majesty, or were guilty of other High Treasons, and it being in like manner signified to be the gracious intention of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that the estates, real and personal, of such persons as have been or shall be duly attainted, as guilty of High Treason during the said War with the United States of America, should be likewise applied towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's faithful Subjects of this Province have sustained by the invasion of the enemy, or otherwise, in consequence of the said War; Therefore, in order to carry the said gracious intentions into effect, and also that due provision may be made for the satisfaction of all just and lawful claims, which any of His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects may have to, upon, or out of the estates of such Rebels and Traitors; Be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'" and by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, from time to time, by Commission under the Great Seal of this Province, to authorise and empower such and so many persons as he shall think fit, to be Commissioners and Trustees, in whom all and every the real estates that now are, or hereafter may become vested in His Majesty, by the operation of the said Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their estates in His Majesty," and the proceedings that have been had or may take place thereupon, and also, all and every the estates, both real and personal, that have become vested, or may hereafter become vested in His Majesty, by the attainder of any person or persons convicted of or for any High Treason, committed during the

Royal instructions
respecting the forfeited
estates.

Governor to appoint
comm'rs. in whom the
forfeited estates, real &
personal, shall be vested.