

action shall be sold and certain other parties to be a misdemeanor.

sold under the provisions of this Act, and the party against whom any such cause of action existed, or who shall be in possession of any property sold, shall after notice of such sale collude together or attempt to collude, to delay, hinder or prevent the purchaser in the recovery of the property or rights vested in him by any sale under this Act, such collusion shall be a misdemeanour, and after such notice, a release given or made, without the knowledge and consent of the purchaser of the *chose* in action or property affected by such release or settlement, or in fraud of such sale, shall be *prima facie* evidence of such collusion; and the parties on conviction thereof, shall be liable to be sent to the Penitentiary of this Province for a term of three years, or to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, in the common Gaol of the District in which the offence may be committed, for any period not exceeding two years.

Punishment of parties convicted.

Interpretation clause.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That words in this Act importing the singular number or the masculine gender only, shall be construed to include more than one person or thing of the same kind, and females as well as males, unless there be something in the context inconsistent with or repugnant to such constructions; and that this Act shall apply to Upper Canada only.