

An Act to remedy defects in the Patent Deed for Lot No. 4, in the Broken Concession B., and the front part of Lot No. 4, in the Broken Concession A., of the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Northumberland.

WHEREAS the Patent Deed for Lot Number Four in the Broken Front Concession B., and the front part of Lot Number Four in the Broken Front Concession A., of the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Northumberland, was issued in favor of Joseph Purdy, without first having been registered and without the great seal of the Province of Canada having been first attached thereto; And whereas in the event of the loss or destruction thereof, there would remain no record of the said Patent and no means of proving the issuing thereof: And whereas great doubts exist as to whether the said Patent conveys any title to the said Lands, and it is expedient to remove the said doubts: And whereas Caleb Mallery, John Lodge Willcocks, and Thomas Grimshaw have by their Petition prayed that an Act may be passed confirming and making valid the said instrument so purporting to be Letters Patent from the Crown to the said Joseph Purdy so issued as aforesaid; or granting to them other relief in the premises: Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: .

I. It shall be lawful for the Registrar of this Province, and he is hereby required to receive and record in the usual manner, upon its production, the said Patent from the Crown to the said Joseph Purdy, bearing date the 21st day of July in the year of our Lord, 1818, for the said Lot Number Four, in the Broken Front Concession B., and the front part of Lot Number Four in the Broken front Concession A., of the said Township of Hamilton in the County of Northumberland, and thereupon to attach the great seal of the Province and certificate of Registry thereto in the ordinary and usual manner; and the said Instrument shall be and operate as a Patent Deed of the said Lands, and shall operate and take effect from the day last aforesaid; and shall be as valid, binding and effectual, as if the same had been duly and properly issued on that day and had been regularly registered and the seal thereto attached, and as if the same had been then perfect in every other respect; Provided always, that any right to the said lands or any part thereof, acquired by any person in consequence of such defect, shall not be affected by this Act.

II. Upon production of the said Instrument with the certificate of the Registry thereof endorsed thereon or attached thereto, and with the great seal thereto also attached, or upon production of an exemplification or certified or examined copy thereof, or of the said Registry, in any Court of Law or Equity in this Province, the same shall be received and taken as and held to be of the same force and effect as are usually given to original Letters Patent in or by such Court or Courts, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. This Act shall be held to be a public Act.