
BILL.

An Act to make valid the Election of the Trustees for building a Church in the Parish of St. François du Lac St. Pierre, and to enable them to complete the said Church.

WHEREAS Pierre Cartier, Louis Germanique Crevier de St. François, Jacques Bibeault, François Conturier *dit* Verville, Jean Cartier, Louis Crevier de St. François, Charles Barbeau, François Chevretils *dit* Belle-isle, Louis Jaunelle, Alexis Lemyre, and Joseph Plamondon, all of the Parish of St. François du Lac St. Pierre, in the District of Three Rivers, cultivators, were, after the observance of the requisite formalities as well on the part of the proper Ecclesiastical Authorities as otherwise, duly elected and appointed, according to the law then in force in that behalf, Trustees for the erection of a new Church in the said Parish; And whereas before the Act of Assessment which it was their duty to make and the proceedings relative thereunto were completed, an Ordinance was passed by the Governor and Special Council for the affairs of Lower Canada, in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Ordinance concerning the erection of Parishes and the building of Churches, Parsonage Houses and Church-yards,*" by which the laws in that behalf were changed, and under which Commissioners were appointed for the purposes of the said Ordinance in and for the said District of Three Rivers, which said Commissioners did in or about the month of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty, formally approve, ratify and confirm the election of the persons above named as Trustees for the purpose aforesaid, and the said Trustees proceeded to make and complete the said Act of Assessment and to collect the moneys due under the same by the inhabitants of the said Parish; And whereas doubts having arisen as to the validity of the said Act of Assessment and the election and powers of the said Trustees, they were compelled to bring actions against divers inhabitants of the said Parish, to recover the sums assessed upon them, and judgment was given in their favour in the Court of Queen's Bench for the said District of Three Rivers, but upon Appeal, judgment was given against them by the Court of Appeals for Lower Canada, in or about the month of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, whereby heavy costs were thrown upon them and they were prevented from proceeding further under the said Act of Assessment, and were and are greatly embarrassed, inasmuch as they are

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Vic. (3) c. 69.