

lected; and from thence along the said Northern and Western Boundaries of the said Province, until the said Western Boundary strike the Ohio; But in case the said bank of the said Lake shall not be found to be so intersected, then following the said bank until it shall arrive at that point of the said bank which shall be nearest to the North-western angle of the said Province of Pennsylvania, and thence by a right line, to the said North-western angle of the said Province; and thence along the Western Boundary of the said Province, until it strike the river Ohio; and along the bank of the said river, Westward, to the banks of the Mississippi, and Northward to the Southern boundary of the territory granted to the Merchants Adventurers of England, trading to Hudson's Bay, and also all such territories, islands and countries, which have, since the tenth of February, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, been made part of the Government of Newfoundland, be, and they are hereby, during his Majesty's pleasure, annexed to, and made part and parcel of, the Province of Quebec, as created and established by the said Royal Proclamation of the seventh of October, one thousand seven hundred and sixty three.

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Quebec.

II. Provided always, That nothing herein contained, relative to the boundary of the Province of Quebec, shall in any wise affect the boundaries of any other Colony.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to make void, or to vary or alter any right, title, or possession, derived under any grant, conveyance, or otherwise howsoever, of or to any lands within the said Province, or the Provinces thereto adjoining; but that the same shall remain and be in force, and have effect, as if this act had never been made.

IV. And whereas the provisions, made by the said Proclamation, in respect to the civil government of the said Province of Quebec, and the powers and authorities given to the Governor and other Civil Officers of the said Province, by the grants and commissions issued in consequence thereof, have been found, upon experience, to be inapplicable to the state and circumstances of the said Province, the inhabitants whereof amounted, at the conquest, to above sixty-five thousand persons professing the religion of the Church of Rome, and enjoying an established form of constitution and system of laws, by which their persons and property had been protected, governed, and ordered, for a long series of years, from the first establishment of the said Province of Canada; Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Proclamation, so far as the same relates to the said Province of Quebec, and the commission under the authority whereof the government of the said Province is at present administered, and all and every the ordinance and ordinances, made by the Governor and Council of Quebec for the time being, relative to the civil government and administration of justice in the said Province, and all commissions to Judges and other Officers thereof, be, and the same are hereby revoked, annulled, and made void, from and after the first day of May one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

Former provisions null and void.

Inhabitants of Quebec may profess the Romanish religion, &c.

V. And, for the more perfect security and ease of the minds of the inhabitants of the said Province, it is hereby declared, that his Majesty's subjects, professing the religion of the Church of Rome of and in the said Province of Quebec, may have, hold and enjoy, the free exercise of the religion of the Church of Rome, subject to the King's supremacy, declared and