



ANNO TERTIO-DECIMO & QUARTO-DECIMO
V I C T O R I Æ R E G I N Æ .

C A P . C X L I V .

An Act to incorporate *The Elgin Association*, for the settlement and moral improvement of the Coloured Population of Canada.

[10th August, 1850.]

WHEREAS an Association has been formed in Upper Canada, by divers persons resident therein, under the name of the *Elgin Association*, for the settlement and moral improvement of the Coloured Population of Canada, for the purpose of purchasing Crown or Clergy Reserve Lands in the Township of Raleigh, in the County of Kent, and settling the same with coloured families resident in Canada of approved moral character; and whereas the persons hereinafter named, office bearers and members of the said Association, and acting on behalf of the members thereof, have by Petition prayed to be incorporated for the purposes aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitioners, subject to the provisions and enactments hereinafter made: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Skeffington Connor, Michael Willis, William King, Charles Berczy, John Thomas Matthews, John Scott Howard, Walter Macfarlane, Ezekiel F. Whittemore, Andrew T. McCord, Peter Freeland, John Ewart, John Laidlaw, James Brown, Andrew Hamilton, Peter Brown, James Osborne, Edward Cartwright Thomas, John Fisher, William P. McLaren, William Miller, George Davidson, John McLean, A. D. Ferrier, John Fraser, John Mechie, A. B. Jones, Donald McCaul, Archibald McKellar, Thomas Campbell, Henry Garratt, Bernard Foley, Andrew Shaw, J. B. Osborne, James Dougall, Robert Watson, Rufus Holden, James Harvey, and Andrew Jaffray, with all other such persons as are now or being duly competent may hereafter be associated for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, and their successors for ever, shall be one body politic and corporate in deed and by name, by the name and style of *The Elgin Association*, and shall by that name have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall have power from time to time to alter, renew or change such common seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name from time to time and at all times hereafter be able and capable of contracting and being contracted with, of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, and answering and being answered unto in all Courts and places whatsoever, and also that they and their successors by the same name from time to time and at all times hereafter shall be able and capable of purchasing and holding to them and their successors Crown and Clergy Reserve Lands in the Township of Raleigh in the County of Kent, not exceeding nine thousand acres, to and for the use of the said Company, and of letting, conveying and otherwise disposing of the same to Colored persons of Canada: provided always nevertheless, that the real estate to be held by the said Company shall be only such as shall be required to be held by them for the purposes aforesaid, and that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize the said Association to become a Land Company in that sense of the term.

II And be it enacted, That in all and every suit or suits in Law which hereafter may be instituted against the said Corporation, service of Process at the residence of the President or Secretary, shall be sufficient to compel the said Corporation to appear and plead

Preamble.

Certain persons incorporated.

Corporate name and powers.

Proviso: as to real estate.

Service of process how made.