
BILL.

An Act to provide for the erection of Parishes, for civil purposes only, in certain parts of Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it appears that there are in the Seigniories of Lower Canada, tracts of land of considerable extent, included in Parishes erected under the Ordinance passed in the third session of the Special Council of the late Province of Lower Canada, held 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,*" but inhabited chiefly by Protestants, and from their extent it is just that they should be set apart as Parishes, for civil purposes only, and that their inhabitants should not be deprived of the Municipal rights and other advantages conferred by law on Parishes erected under the above mentioned Ordinance, and on Townships in the said portion of the Province: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

2 Vict. (3) c. 29.

That whenever it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, that there is in any Seigniority or contiguous Seigniories in Lower Canada, any tract of land having a population of *three* hundred souls or upwards included in any Parish erected under the above mentioned Ordinance, and the majority of the inhabitants of such tract shall by petition to the Governor represent the fact, and shall pray that such tract be erected into a Protestant Parish for civil purposes, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to order that such tract, with the boundaries and by the name to be assigned to it in such order, shall upon, from and after a day to be therein named, be a Parish for all Municipal and other civil purposes whatsoever, which such tract shall accordingly be, and shall not thereafter be included or remain, for Municipal or other civil purposes, in any Parish erected under the above mentioned Ordinance or any other Law; and such Order in Council shall be published in the Canada Gazette: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall make any such tract a Parish for ecclesiastical purposes, or confer any ecclesiastical right, power or jurisdiction, nor shall this Act prevent any such tract from being thereafter included or from remaining for ecclesiastical purposes in any Parish erected under the said Ordinance, or any other Ordinance or Law.

Certain tracts may be erected by order in Council into Parishes for civil purposes only.