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GEORGH IV. REGIS.

CAP. LIX.

AN Act to provide for the Extinction of Feudal and Seigniorial Rights and Burthens on Lands held à *Titre de Fief* and à *Titre de Cens*, in the Province of *Lower-Canada*; and for the gradual Conversion of those Tenures into the Tenure of Free and Common Soccage; and for other Purposes relating to the said Province.

[22d June 1825.]

WHEREAS in and by an Act passed in the Third Year of His Majesty's Reiga, 3 G. 4. c. 119. intituled *An Act to regulate the Trade of the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, and for other purposes relating to the said Provinces*, certain Provisions were made for a Change of the Tenure of Lands held in Fief and Seigniority, and also for the Change of the Tenure of Lands held at *cens et rentes*, in the *cessite* of His Majesty, in the Provinces of *Lower* and *Upper Canada*; and whereas the said Provisions, in so far as they relate to the Change of Tenure of Lands in Fief and Seigniority, cannot, in the said Province of *Lower-Canada*, receive Execution where such Lands or Parts thereof have, under Grants of the Seigniors, become the Property of Persons who hold the same à *titre de fief*, in *arriere fief* or à *titre de cens*; and further Provision in this Behalf is necessary: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That whenever any Person or Persons, holding of His Majesty as Proprietor or Proprietors any Fief or Seigniority in the said Province of *Lower Canada*, and having legally the Power of alienating the same, in which Fief or Seigniority Lands have been granted and are held à *titre de fief*, in *arriere fief*, or à *titre de cens*, shall by Petition to the King, through the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of the said Province, apply for a Commutation of and Release from the *droit de quint*, the *droit de relief*, or other Feudal Burthens due to His Majesty on such Fief or Seigniority, and shall surrender into the Hands of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, all such Parts and Parcels of such Fief or Seigniority as shall remain and be in his Possession ungranted, and shall not be held as aforesaid à *titre de fief*, in *arriere fief*, or à *titre de cens*, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, or for such Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government as aforesaid, in pursuance of His Majesty's Instructions transmitted through One of His Principal Secretaries of State, by and with the Advice of the Executive Council of the said Province, to commute the *droit de quint*, the *droit de relief*, and all other Feudal Rights and Burthens due to His Majesty upon or in respect of such Fief or Seigniority, for such Sum of Money or Consideration, and upon such Terms and Conditions, as to His Majesty, or to such Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering

Persons holding Fiefs or Seigniorities may, on Application to his Majesty, and on Surrender of the ungranted Parts thereof, obtain a Commutation and Release of Feudal Burthens due to His Majesty thereon.