

progress of the said settlements, and it is desirable, both in the interest of the Indians who do not reside any more on the said lands, and in that of the public of the said locality, that the said transactions should be rendered legal, in order to secure a just compensation to the former, and incontestible titles to the parties now in possession of the said lands: And whereas the Act passed in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered one hundred and sixty-seven, is insufficient for the object intended: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. The Act intituled, *An Act to alter the Tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of Durham*, is hereby repealed.

18 V. c. 167 repealed.

II. All conveyances, sales, promises of sale or emphyteotic leases in respect of the said lands by the said Indians, their successors or legal representatives, shall hereafter be considered as having been made by persons legally qualified to lease, alienate, sell cede and convey their property, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Letters Patent of such lands; Provided always, that an annual ground rent of not less than ten dollars for each lot of two hundred acres shall have been stipulated in favor of the Indian to whom any such lot of land was originally granted, or his heirs or legal representatives; And provided also, that should any contestation arise with respect to the said lands between the said Indians and the parties who have purchased or leased, or who shall hereafter purchase or lease the same, such contestation shall be referred to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, and his decision in the matter shall be final and conclusive.

Conveyances, leases, &c., by Indians declared valid.

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III. Any purchaser of any lot or part of a lot of the Indian Lands in the Township of Durham, now in possession of the same, may, if he thinks fit, redeem the rent attached to such land or lot of land by any instrument within the provisions of the preceding section, and payable to the Indians or their legal representatives, by paying the capital thereof at the rate of six per cent., to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, who is hereby authorized to receive every such deposit and give a receipt therefor, according to Schedule A of this Act.

Purchasers in possession may redeem the rent attached to their lots.

To whom payable.

IV. Every such receipt, after the enregistration thereof in the Registry Office of the County of Drummond, shall be equivalent to a title under Letters Patent of the Government, and shall discharge every

Receipt for redemption money to be equivalent to a Patent.