

Repartitions and  
assessments made  
rendered legal.

III. And be it also enacted by the same authority, that if at any time heretofore Repartitions and Assessments shall have been made for the purposes aforementioned, and not strictly according to the Law and Custom anterior to the conquest, no new suit or action shall be maintained on the ground of such variation from the ancient course; provided always that as to any action or suit actually pending in any Court, the same shall proceed as though this Act had never been passed.

Proviso.

How the Inha-  
bitants are to pro-  
ceed.

IV. And whereas it appears necessary for the tranquility of His Majesty's subjects in this Province to regulate a fixed mode of proceeding in every case respecting the construction or reparation of Churches, Presbyteries or Cemeteries, be it further enacted by the said authority, that whenever it shall become expedient to build or repair any Church, Presbytery or Cemetery, a majority of the Inhabitants residing in or having lands in the parish, shall present a Petition to the Bishop or Superintendent of the Romish Church, who, after a view of the place by himself or his Substitute, will issue his mandate or permission to proceed to the building or reparations required, fixing the situation, when it is a new Church, and principal dimensions of the Edifice; this being obtained, a majority of the Inhabitants as aforesaid, shall present a Petition to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, praying his permission to assemble the parishioners and proceed to the election of three or more Sindics by a majority of the voices of the Inhabitants so assembled, being residents in the parish, the permission of the Governor or Commander in Chief being obtained, and the Election of the Sindics made in the parish meeting, at which the Curate shall preside, every person so elected Sindic, although he have five children shall be held to accept thereof and execute the duties of the office without reward, except he has such other legal objection as would excuse him from accepting the Charge of Guardian to Minors, or of Curator agreeable to the Laws and Usages observed in this Province prior to the conquest: the Sindics so elected shall present a Petition to the Governor or Commander in Chief to obtain his Confirmation of their election, and for being authorized to make a State and Estimate of the Expence to which the proposed buildings or repairs may amount; and also an Act of repartition or state of what each individual possessing Land in the parish shall be held to pay and furnish, which Estimate and Repartition shall by the Sindics be laid before the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being for his order thereon.

The powers of  
the Governor,  
&c. may be dele-  
gated by him.

V. And be it further enacted, that the Trust herein before vested in the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, may be executed by such person or persons as he may for that purpose name and constitute.

Signiorial rights  
not to be affected.

VI. Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to diminish any Seigniorial rights whatsoever.

## DORCHESTER.

*Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and passed in Council, under the Great Seal of the Province, at the Council-chamber in the castle of St. Lewis, in the city of Quebec, the Thirtieth day of April, in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God of Great-Britain, France and Ireland King, defender of the faith and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.*

*By His Excellency's Command;*

J. WILLIAMS, C. L. C.