

and the
Tenure be
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Free and
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Conventionel, Droit de Banalite, Droit de Corvée, and every Feudal and Seigniorial Right and Burthen whatsoever, upon or in respect of the Lands for which such Commutation, Release, and Extinguishment shall have been agreed upon, declared, awarded, or adjudged as aforesaid, shall, from and after the making of such Agreement or Instrument in Writing, or the rendering of such Judgment as aforesaid, be absolutely and for ever taken away, extinguished, and discharged, as well in respect of such *Censitaire* and *Censitaires*, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, his, her, and their Heirs and Assigns, as in respect of the said Lands; and the Tenure of the said Lands shall thenceforward be converted into Free and Common Socage, and the said Lands be held and be taken, and considered to be held in Free and Common Socage, in like Manner as Lands are holden in Free and Common Socage in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding. 12

Nothing
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tained to ex-
tend to dis-
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Arrears.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing hereinbefore contained shall extend or be construed to extend to discharge any Arrears of *Cens et Rentes*, or any *Lods et Ventés*, or other Feudal or Seigniorial Rights or Dues that may have accrued before such Commutation as aforesaid shall have been required by any *Censitaire* or *Censitaires*, or in anywise to destroy, alter, or affect the Recourse which the Seignior or Seigniors to whom such Arrears, *Lods et Ventés*, or Rights, shall be due, might lawfully have had or taken for the Recovery of the same, if such Commutation had not been made.

Persons ap-
plying for
such Commu-
tation to give
Public Notice
to Mortga-
gees and
others having
Claims on
such Lands.

Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases where such Application for a Commutation, Release, and Extinguishment of Feudal or Seigniorial Rights, Dues, or Burthens shall be made in respect of Lands held either immediately of the Crown, or as an *Arriere Fief* as aforesaid, public Notice thereof shall be given by the Person so applying, for the Space of Three Calendar Months, in the *Quebec Gazette*, published by Authority, and in Two other Newspapers, published respectively in the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, thereby calling on all Persons who may have or claim to have any present or contingent Right, Interest, Security, Charge, or Incumbrance, either by Mortgage (*Hypothèque*) general or special, express or implied, or under any other Title, or by any other Means whatsoever, in or upon the Lands in respect of which such Commutation, Release, and Extinguishment of Feudal and Seigniorial Rights, Dues, or Burthens shall be so applied for, to signify in Writing, within Three Calendar Months from the Date of such Notification, their 14

Assent