

tradiction to the letter of the capitulation of Montreal, and consequently, as it infringes upon the rights of the Crown and the principles of the Constitution of the Colony, far exceeds the powers vested by the Quebec Act in the Governor and Legislative Council of Quebec.

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III.

Because it empowers the titular Roman Catholic Bishop to exercise in virtue of his office, an authority derived from the See of Rome, which, by the law of the land, cannot be done in any of His Majesty's dominions without the assent of the King, Lords and Commons of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

That admitting the above mentioned ordinance to be in force, it authorises the Governor of the Province and the titular Catholic Bishop of Quebec, with the sanction of the Crown to make an extra parochial circuit of ground into a parish and no more, and does not authorise them to destroy, limit or divide a Parish already erected.

That the ordinance aforesaid enacts, that the same course shall be pursued as was requisite before the conquest, according to the laws and customs at that time in force and practice, and that such laws and customs required the sanction of the Crown to the erection of every Parish by Letters Patent, and that such Letters Patent should thereafter be duly enregistered. That without such sanction, so given, and so enregistered, the erection of a Parish was by the said laws and customs at that time in force and practice, null and void, and that no such sanction hath been so given