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## BILL.

An Act to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "*An Act the better to facilitate optional Commutation of the Tenure of Lands en roture, in the Seignories and Fiefs in Lower Canada, into that of franc aleu roturier.*"

WHEREAS, by the Law of Lower <sup>Preamble.</sup> Canada, a fine has always been payable to the Sovereign, upon the acquisition, by any Religious or Ecclesiastical Community, or other Corporate Body, of any Seignior  
5 nory or Fief therein, as an indemnity for the loss of the casual profits of such Seignior or Fief, in consequence of the same being thereafter held in mortmain; And whereas it  
10 is neither just nor expedient that such Religious or Ecclesiastical Community, or other Corporate Body, after having paid such fine or indemnity, or after the same having been  
15 graciously remitted to them by Her Majesty or any of Her Royal Predecessors or Successors, should be liable to pay a further fine or indemnity upon the Commutation of the  
20 Tenure of any land held *en roture* in any such Seignior or Fief; And whereas it is expedient to amend an Act passed in the eighth  
year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "*An* <sup>Act 8 Vict. c. 42 cited.</sup>  
"*Act the better to facilitate Optional Com-*  
"*mutation of the Tenure of Lands en roture,*  
"*in the Seignories and Fiefs in Lower Ca-*  
25 "*nada, into that of franc-aleu roturier,*" in this particular, and also in so far as the same unnecessarily imposes upon the vassals  
( *censitaires*) of such Religious or Ecclesiastical Communities or other Corporate  
30 Bodies, holding Seignories or Fiefs in mortmain in Lower Canada, conditions and