

Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, upon such Terms and Conditions as may be agreed upon by and between Her Majesty and the said Governor and Company as hereinafter mentioned :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as "*Rupert's Land Act, 1868.*"

Definition of "*Rupert's Land.*"

2. For the Purposes of this Act the Term "*Rupert's Land,*" shall include the whole of the Lands and Territories held or claimed to be held by the said Governor and Company.

Power to Her Majesty to accept Surrender of Lands, &c., of the Company upon certain Terms.

3. It shall be competent for the said Governor and Company to surrender to Her Majesty, and for Her Majesty by any Instrument under Her Sign Manual and Signet to accept a Surrender of all or any of the Lands, Territories, Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Powers and Authorities whatsoever granted or purported to be granted by the said Letters Patent to the said Governor and Company within *Rupert's Land*, upon such Terms and Conditions as shall be agreed upon by and between Her Majesty and the said Governor and Company; provided however, that such Surrender shall not be accepted by Her Majesty until the Terms and Conditions upon which *Rupert's Land* shall be admitted into the said Dominion of *Canada* shall have been approved of by Her Majesty, and embodied in an Address to Her Majesty from both the Houses of the Parliament of *Canada* in pursuance of the One hundred and forty-sixth Section of the *British North America Act, 1867*; and that the said Surrender and Acceptance thereof shall be null and void unless within a Month from the Date of Such Acceptance Her Majesty does by Order in Council under the Provisions of the said last recited Act admit *Rupert's Land* into the said Dominion; provided further, that no Charge shall be imposed by such Terms upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Extinguishment of all Rights of the Company.

4. Upon the Acceptance by Her Majesty of such Surrender all Rights of Government and Proprietary Rights, and all other Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Powers and Authorities whatsoever, granted or purported to be granted by the said Letters Patent to the said Governor and Company within *Rupert's Land*, and which shall have been so surrendered, shall be absolutely extinguished; provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the said Governor and Company from continuing to carry on in *Rupert's Land* or elsewhere Trade and Commerce.

Power to Her Majesty by Order in Council to ad-

5. It shall be competent to Her Majesty by any such Order or Orders in Council as aforesaid, on Address from the Houses of the Parliament of *Canada*, to declare that *Rupert's Land* shall, from a

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