

of such Inquisition, except to the Person or Persons holding or claiming the same under the former Letters Patent thereof, or by a lawful Title derived under the same.

Lands to be made for One Year.

XI. And be it further enacted that the Clerk of the said Court of Escheats and Forfeitures, to be appointed in like Manner as the said Commissioner or Commissioners, shall, within Fourteen Days after the filing of such information, insert in the *Quebec Gazette*, published by Authority, a Notice signed by him, and shall, as soon thereafter as may be, cause the same to be posted upon a public Place as near to the Lands mentioned in the said Information as Circumstances will admit, thereby notifying to all Persons interested in such Lands that such Information has been filed for the Purposes aforesaid, and of the Time and Place of holding an Inquest of Office before the said Commissioner or Commissioners, concerning the Matters therein alleged, which Time shall not exceed Four or be less than Two Calendar Months from the publishing of such Notice; and such Notice, being so published, and Proof thereof made to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioner or Commissioners, shall be instead of all other Notice, Process, Writ, Summons, or other Proceeding whatever, for the Notification and Appearance of the Person or Persons interested in such Lands, and shall conclude all such Persons for ever; provided, that it shall be lawful for all Persons interested in or entitled to such Lands as are comprised in any Office or Inquisition so made and returned as aforesaid, to traverse the same in the Court into which it shall have been returned within Three Calendar Months from the Date thereof; and the Notice herein before required, and the Inquisition so to be taken in pursuance thereof, shall be deemed sufficient and conclusive Notice to the Traverser, and all others concerned in such Traverse; and such Court shall thereupon hear, try, and determine the said Traverse, as nearly as Circumstances will admit, according to the Rules, Course, and Practice of the Law of *England* in the like Cases and the Judgment of the said Court thereon shall be final.

Notice to be given.

Parties Interested may traverse Inquests.

XII. And whereas divers Persons within the said Province of *Lower Canada*, hold or claim by Occupancy, lawful Prescription, or Transfer, or by doubtful Titles, divers of the Lands which, in pursuance of the Act of Parliament made in the Thirty first Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, have been appropriated within the said Province of *Lower Canada*, for the Maintenance of a Protestant Clergy: And whereas divers Parts of the Lands so appropriated as aforesaid for the Support of a Protestant Clergy, are from Time to Time required as the Site of public Buildings and other Works carried on at the public Expence within the said Province: And whereas divers Parts of such appropriated Lands as aforesaid, which have not been brought into Cultivation by or for the Benefit of the Protestant Clergy within the said Province, are sometimes required to enable His Majesty to complete the Settlement of other Waste Lands in the immediate Vicinity thereof, but by reason of the said Land being so appropriated as aforesaid, it is impossible, except by the Consent of Parliament, to quiet the Possession of such Persons so claiming the same by such Titles as aforesaid, or to obtain a Surrender and Conveyance, or to effect an Exchange of such Parts thereof, as may be so required as aforesaid for the public Service, or for the Completion of any such Settlements as aforesaid; be it therefore enacted, That whenever and so often as it shall appear to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or other Person administering the Government of the said Province, that the Surrender and Cession of any Part of the Lands so appropriated as aforesaid for the Benefit of a Protestant Clergy in the said Province, is necessary for quieting the Titles of any of His Majesty's Subjects to Lands held or claimed by them by Occupancy, lawful Prescription, Transfer, or by doubtful Titles aforesaid, or is necessary or would be convenient for the carrying on of any public Buildings or Works, or for the more effectual Settlement of any District or Tract of Land within the said Province, or otherwise, for His Majesty's Service,

Certain Parts of the Clergy Reserves in the said Province may be surrendered, exchanged, and re-granted for certain public Uses and other Purposes.

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