

nature whatsoever; and whereas it is just and expedient that the powers heretofore exercised, as above mentioned, by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Intendant of New France or Canada, should be now vested in the Superior Court of Lower Canada, subject to the 5 modifications required by the present state of the Country: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

CONCESSION OF LANDS.

The Superior Court of Lower Canada vested with the same powers as the Governor of New France, as respects the concession of lands.

I. That from and after the passing of this Act, all and every the jurisdiction, powers, and authority vested in and granted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and to 10 the Intendant of New France or Canada, by the aforesaid *arrêt* of His Most Christian Majesty the King of France, dated at Marly, the sixth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eleven, in relation to lands in New France or Canada, aforesaid, conceded in seignio- 15 ries, and remaining uncultivated and unconceded by the Seigniors in possession thereof, and by any other laws in force in Canada at the time of the Cession of the Country, shall and may be exercised by the Superior Court of Lower Canada, and by the Judges of the said 20 Court at their weekly sittings, except in so far as the said jurisdiction, powers and authority, shall have been increased, extended, limited, restricted or modified by this Act.

And in order to facilitate the exercise of the said jur- 25 isdiction, powers and authority, be it enacted:

Not more than 120 arpents to be conceded by the same deed.

II. That no Seignior shall hereafter concede to any one individual any extent of wild land, or any land the reunion whereof to the domain shall have been ordered by authority of justice in the manner hereinafter 30 provided, exceeding one hundred and twenty superficial arpents, otherwise than by two or more separate deeds of concession, and bearing date, at least two years, from each other, or unless the excess over the said quantity of one hundred and twenty arpents be conceded to the 35 father, mother or tutor for the use of one or more minor children; and in the latter case, the extent of land conceded for each such minor shall not exceed one hundred and twenty superficial arpents, and the minor in favour of whom each such concession shall be made, shall be 40 named in the deed of concession.

Not less than 40 arpents.

III. No Seignior shall hereafter concede any wild land or any land the reunion whereof to the domain shall have been ordered as aforesaid, of a less extent than forty superficial arpents, unless such concession be made for 45 a town or village lot, or unless the said land be so circumscribed or situate as to prevent its being otherwise conceded than in a less quantity than forty superficial arpents.