

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.

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

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 Pro-

vince, 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, or for the Benefit of the said Province, or of His Majesty's Subjects therein resident, then, and in any or either of the Cases aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Bishop of *Quebec* for the Time being, on behalf of the said Protestant Clergy, in compliance with any Requisition in Writing to him for the Purpose made by such Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or other Person administering the Government of the said Province, and he is hereby required, by a Deed under his Hand and Seal, duly attested by Two or more credible Witnesses, to surrender, yield up, and convey to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the Lands comprized and described in any such Requisition as aforesaid, in Exchange for other Lands situate in the said Province, of equal Extent and Value, to be by His Majesty appropriated and set apart for the Support and Maintenance of Protestant Clergy therein; and which Deed, so executed by the said Bishop of *Quebec* for the Time being, shall be valid and effectual in Law, to vest in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, all the Lands therein included and comprised; and such Lands shall and may, by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, be re-granted and re-conveyed to any other Person or Persons, for quieting their Possession and Titles, or otherwise, as may from Time to Time be expedient or necessary, without any further Appropriation of Land being thereupon made for the Benefit of a Protestant Clergy.

Anno Primo & Secundo Georgii IV. Regis.

CAP. LXVI.

An Act for regulating the Fur Trade, and establishing a Criminal and Civil Jurisdiction within certain Parts of North America. [2d July, 1821.]

WHEREAS the Competition in the Fur Trade between the Governor and Company of Adventurers of *England*, trading into *Hudson's Bay*, and certain Associations of Persons trading under the name of "The North-West Company of *Montreal*," has been found for some years past to be productive of great Inconvenience and Loss, not only to the said Company and Associations, but to the Trade in general, and also of great injury to the native *Indians*, and of other Persons Subjects of His Majesty: And whereas the animosities and feuds, arising from such Competition, have also for some years past kept the Interior of *America*, to the Northward and Westward of the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and of the Territories of the United States of *America*, in a state of continued Disturbance: And whereas many Breaches of the Peace, and Violence extending to the Loss of Lives, and considerable Destruction of Property, have occurred therein: And whereas, for Remedy of such Evils, it is expedient and neces-

sary that some more effectual Regulations should be established for the Apprehending, Securing, and Bringing to Justice all Persons committing such Offences, and that His Majesty should be empowered to regulate the said Trade: And whereas Doubts have been entertained, whether the Provisions of an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, "*An Act for extending the Jurisdiction of the Courts of Justice in the Province of Lower and Upper Canada, to the Trial and Punishment of Persons guilty of Crimes and Offences within certain parts of North America adjoining to the said Provinces*," extended to the Territories granted by Charter to the said Governor and Company; and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed, and that the said Act should be further extended: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled,

3 Geo. 3.
c. 138.