

BILL.

An Act to divide the Common of Maskinongé among the Co-proprietors thereof.

WHEREAS certain inhabitants of the Seigniory of Maskinongé, in the Parish of Saint Joseph de Maskinongé, in the County of St. Maurice, and also of the Parishes of St. Barthelemy and St. Cuthbert, in the County of Berthier, are Proprietors in common of a certain land in the said Seigniory of Maskinongé, commonly known as the Common of Maskinongé; And whereas the said Proprietors and persons interested therein have, by their petition, represented that it would be more advantageous to all parties interested in the said Common, that a division thereof should be made in accordance with their respective rights therein, and that each one of them should be enabled separately (*par divis*) to enjoy and dispose of his share in the said Common, which cannot be effected without the authority of the Legislature; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That it shall be the duty of the President and Trustees of the said Common, or, in their default, of five of the Proprietors thereof, to cause a notice to be given at the doors of the Churches of Saint Joseph de Maskinongé, Saint Barthelemy and Saint Cuthbert, after Divine Service in the forenoon, calling on the Co-proprietors of the said Common to meet at some time not less than fifteen days thereafter, in the public Hall of the said Parish of St. Joseph de Maskinongé, for the purpose of proceeding to elect a suitable person to be a Commissioner for the purposes of this Act, which person shall have no right in the said Common, and shall not be related to or of kin to any of the Co-proprietors thereof; and at the said meeting the then President of the Corporation established under the Act passed in the 14th and 15th Victoria, chapter 134, intituled, "*An Act to revive and amend the Act relating to the Common of Maskinongé*," shall preside and draw up a minute (*procès verbal*) of the proceedings, signed by himself and by two witnesses present at the said meeting, which he shall deposit in the office of the Notary residing nearest to where such meeting shall be held in the said Parish of Saint Joseph de Maskinongé.

II. And be it enacted, That at the time and place so appointed in the said notice, it shall be lawful for the Co-proprietors of the said Common to proceed to elect the said Commissioner by a majority of the votes of the said Co-proprietors present; and it shall be the duty of the Notary in whose office the minute of the proceedings of the said meeting shall have been deposited, to notify the person so elected Commissioner of his election in conformity with the provisions of this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That in case the person elected as Commissioner at the said meeting shall not accept the office, or, having accepted the same, shall afterwards resign, or shall absent himself from the Pro-