

shall extend and be applied to one person or thing as well as several persons or things; and every word importing the masculine gender only, shall extend and be applied to a female as well as a male; the words "Real Estate" shall extend and apply to immoveable estate and property generally; and the word "Securities" shall extend and apply to privileges, mortgages (equitable as well as legal,) *hypothèques* and incumbrances upon real and immoveable estate, as well as to other rights and privileges upon personal estate and property: That this Act shall extend to aliens, denizens and females, both to make them subject thereto and to entitle them to all the benefits given thereby; and that this Act shall be construed in the most beneficial manner for promoting the ends thereby intended.

To whom this Act shall extend.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Public Act, and shall extend to all Courts of Law or Equity in this Province, and be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices and other persons whatsoever without the same being specially shown or pleaded.

Public Act.

### C A P . L V I I I .

An Act to provide for the indemnification of parties in Lower-Canada whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

[ 25th April, 1849. ]

**W**HEREAS on the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, an humble Address was unanimously adopted by the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and by them presented to the Right Honorable Charles Theophilus Baron Metcalfe, the then Governor-General of the same, praying "that His Excellency would be pleased to cause proper measures to be adopted in order to insure to the inhabitants of that part of this Province formerly Lower-Canada, indemnity for just losses by them sustained during the Rebellion of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight;" and whereas on the twenty-fourth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five a Commission of five persons was, by His Excellency the said Governor-General, duly appointed to enquire into such losses arising from and growing out of the said Rebellion; And whereas it appears by the Report of the said Commissioners, dated the eighteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, that "the want of power to proceed to a strict and regular investigation of the losses in question, left the Commissioners no other resource than to trust to the allegations of the claimants, as to the amounts and nature of their losses;" And whereas, in order to redeem the pledge given to the sufferers of such losses, or their *bonâ fide* creditors, assigns, or *ayants droit*, as well by the said Address of the said Legislative Assembly, and the appointment of the said Commission, as by the letter addressed by the Honorable the Secretary of the Province, by order of the Right Honorable Charles Murray, Earl Cathcart, the then Administrator of the Government of the same, to the said Commissioners, on the twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, it is necessary and just that the particulars of such losses, not yet paid and satisfied, should form the subject

Preamble.

Recital.

Address of 28th February, 1845.

Report of Commissioners, 18th April, 1846.

Secretary's Letter 27th February, 1846.