

XXVI. Nothing in this Act, nor in any other Act or law, contained, shall be interpreted so as to give to any Seignior the right of demanding the reunion to his domain, of any Town or Village lot or emplacement, nor  
 5 of any land belonging to any person occupying or residing on any other land, lot or emplacement in the same Seignior, or at a distance of less than ten leagues from the land or lands, lot or lots, emplacement or emplacements, the reunion whereof shall be so demanded, as  
 10 aforesaid.

# MILLS, WATER POWERS, AND BANALITY.

And whereas several Seigniors claim rights with respect to unnavigable rivers which, by law, they are not entitled to, and it is expedient to remove all doubts which exist in relation to the extent of the said rights: Be it  
 15 therefore declared and enacted,

XXVII. That no Seignior is, nor shall hereafter be, entitled to the exclusive use of unnavigable rivers, except such part or parts of the said rivers the waters whereof run through or along the domain reserved, or  
 20 hereafter to be reserved by him, and through or along the lands and lots of land acquired, or to be hereafter acquired by him for his own private use; and any agreement made between the Seignior and the proprietor who has the *domaine utile* of any land held by him *à titre de*  
 25 *cens*, in any Seignior, whatsoever, with the view of depriving such proprietor of the right of building mills, factories, or manufacturing establishments, is hereby declared to be null as having been made contrary to law and to the public good; and every such agreement  
 30 shall, to all intents and purposes, be hereafter considered as not having taken place, whether the same be stipulated hereafter, or made before the passing of this Act.

XXVIII. The right of the Seignior to require the *consitaire* to carry his grain to the *banal* mill to be there  
 35 ground, on paying to the Seignior the ordinary price for the grinding of such grain, extends and applies and shall hereafter be considered as extending and applying to no other grain than such as is or shall be grown on the lands held *à titre de cens* in the Seignior in which such *banal*  
 40 mill is situate, and intended for the use of the family or families occupying the said lands.

And whereas the right of banality was only granted to the Seigniors as a compensation for the expenses they are obliged to incur in constructing *banal* mills for the  
 45 use of the *consitaires* holding lands in their respective Seignories, be it enacted:

XXIX. That every Seignior having more than one hundred *consitaires* holding lands in his *censive*, and who,