

An Act to confirm the titles of the persons therein named to certain lands in Simcoe and Windham, in the County of Norfolk.

**W**HEREAS the persons hereinafter named have by their Petitions Preamble. represented,—that they did respectively at various times, purchase *bona fide* in fee and for fair and valuable consideration, from a person calling himself Richard Metcalfé House, but whose true name it now appears was Richard Stanford Groves, certain lands hereinafter more particularly described, which lands had been surreptitiously conveyed by the said House, otherwise Groves, to his infant children, to avoid the anticipated consequences of a certain law-suit at the time of such conveyance pending against him: And whereas during the last Session of Parliament, the said House *alias* Groves, joined in the representations and prayer of the said Petition, and further represented that no other person or persons, party or parties, other than the said House *alias* Groves, his said children and the said Petitioners, were or could be in any wise affected by the confirmation of the said titles of the said Petitioners; And whereas the said House *alias* Groves has since absconded, and the petitioners have in consequence prayed that to quiet their said titles an Act may be passed confirming the same, and authorizing them severally to sell and convey the said lands if they shall think fit, free from incumbrances, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The titles respectively of George Robinson Van Norman, of the aforesaid of Simcoe, Barrister, obtained by him from the said Richard M. House *alias* Richard Stanford Groves, to that piece or parcel of land lying and being in the said Township of Windham and County of Norfolk, consisting of part of Lot Number Three in the fourteenth concession of the said Township and containing by admeasurement about forty-five acres,—of Mathew C. Brown, to Lots Numbers Ten, Eleven and Twelve on the west side of Kent Street in the said Town of Simcoe, containing about three-fifths of an acre,—of David Alger to Lot Number Eight on the west side of Kent Street aforesaid, containing about one-fifth of an acre,—of Samuel Kinsley to parts of Lots Numbers Three and Four on the south side of Water Street in the said Town of Simcoe, containing about half an acre—and of Walter Olas, to Lots Numbers Nineteen and Twenty on the westerly side of Kent Street aforesaid in the said Town of Simcoe.— shall be and each of them is hereby declared to be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever; Provided always, that if any impediment or defect other than that mentioned in the said petition and herein above described, exists with respect to the said titles, or any or either of them, this Act, so far as the title containing such other defect may be concerned, shall be null and of no effect. Titles of the said parties confirmed as regards the doubts mentioned in their petition and in the preamble to this Act.  
  
Proviso.

II. This Act shall be deemed a public Act.

Public Act.