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curing, 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 provinces 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 advice and consent of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this act, it shall be lawful for his majesty, his heirs or successors, to make grants or give his royal license, under the hand and seal of one of his majesty's principal Secretaries of State, to any body corporate, or company, or person or persons, of or for the exclusive privilege of trading with the Indians in all such parts of North America as shall be specified in any such grants or licenses respectively, not being part of the lands or territories heretofore granted to the said governor and company of adventurers of England trading to Hudson's Bay, and not being part of any of his majesty's provinces in North America, or of any lands or territories belonging to the United States of America; and all such grants and licenses shall be good, valid and effectual for the purpose of securing to all such bodies corporate, or companies, or persons, the sole and exclusive privilege of trading with the Indians in all such parts of North America, (except as hereinafter excepted,) as shall be specified in such grants or licenses; anything contained in any act or acts of parliament, or any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no such grant or license, made or given by his Majesty, his heirs or successors, of any such exclusive privileges of trading with the Indians in such parts of North America as aforesaid, shall be made or given for any longer period than twenty-one years; and no rent shall be required or demanded for or in respect of any such grant or license, or any privileges given thereby under the provisions of this act, for the first period of twenty-one years; and from and after the expiration of such first period of twenty-one years, it shall be lawful for his Majesty, his heirs, or successors, to reserve such rents in any future grants or licenses to be made to the same or any other parties, as shall be deemed just and reasonable, with security for the payment thereof; and such rents shall be deemed part of the land revenues of his Majesty, his heirs, and successors, and be applied and accounted for as the other land revenues of his Majesty, his heirs, or successors, shall at the time of payment of any such rent being made, be applied and accounted for.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this act, the Governor and Company of Adventurers trading to Hudson's Bay, and every body corporate and company, and person, to whom every such grant or license shall be made or given, as aforesaid, shall respectively keep accurate registers of all persons in their employ in any parts of North America, and shall, once in each year, return to his Majesty's Secretaries of State accurate duplicates of such registers, and shall also enter into such security as shall be required by his Majesty for the due execution of all processes, criminal and civil, as well within the territories included in any such grant, as within those granted by charter to the Governor and Company of Adventurers trading to Hudson's Bay, and for the producing or delivering into safe custody, for purpose of trial, of all persons in their employ or acting under their authority, who shall be charged with any criminal offence, and also for the due and faithful observance of all such rules, regulations and stipulations as shall be contained in any such grant or license, either for diminishing or preventing the sale or distribution of spirituous liquors to the Indians, or for promoting their moral and religious improvement, or for any other object which his Majesty may deem necessary for the remedy or prevention of the other evils which have hitherto been found to exist.

IV. And whereas, by a convention entered into between his Majesty and the United States of America, it was stipulated and agreed, that any country on the northwest coast of America, to the westward of the Stony Mountains, should be free and open to the citizens and subjects of the two powers, for the term of ten years from the date of the signature of that convention, be it therefore enacted, that nothing in this act contained shall be deemed or construed to authorize any body corporate, company, or person, to whom his Majesty may have, under the provisions of this act, made a grant or given a license of exclusive trade with the Indians in such parts of North America, as aforesaid, to claim or exercise any such exclusive trade within the limits specified in the said article, to the prejudice or exclusion of any citizens of the said United States of America, who may be engaged in the said trade: Provided always, that no British subject shall trade with the Indians within such limits without such grant or license as is by this act required.

V. And be it declared and enacted, that the said act passed in the forty-third year of the reign of his late Majesty, intituled an act for extending the jurisdiction of the courts of justices in the provinces 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, and all the clauses and provisos therein contained, shall be deemed and construed, and it is and are hereby respectively declared, to extend to and over, and to be in full force in and through all the territo-