

SESSIONAL PAPER No. 29b

And it is hereby further Ordained and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates or Civil-Officers of this Province, whom it doth or may concern, upon Application of the several Parties, shall put in Execution all such Orders, Judgements or Decrees of the said Courts, the same being properly attested, as have not been already executed, saving to the several Parties concerned, their Right of Appeal as aforesaid, where the Matter in Dispute exceeded the above limited Sums of Three Hundred Pounds Sterling, and Five Hundred Pounds Sterling.

GIVEN by His Excellency the Honorable JAMES MURRAY, Esq; Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Province of QUEBEC, and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice-Admiral of the same, Governor of the Town of Quebec, Colonel-Commandant of the Second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, &c. &c. In Council, at Quebec, the 20th Day of September, Anno Domini, 1764, and in the Fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the III. by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c.

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By Order of His Excellency in Council,
J. GRAY, *D. Sec^v*.

An ORDINANCE, *For quieting People in their Possessions, and fixing the Age of Maturity.*

WHEREAS it appears right and necessary, to quiet the Minds of the People, in Regard to their Possessions, and to remove every Doubt respecting the same, which may any Ways tend to excite and encourage vexatious Law-Suits; and until a Matter of so serious and complicated a Nature, fraught with many and great Difficulties, can be seriously considered, and such Measures therein taken, as may appear the most likely to promote the Well-fare and Prosperity of the Province in general, His Excellency, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council *Doth hereby Ordain and Declare*, That until the tenth Day of August next, the Tenures of Lands, in Respect to such Grants as are prior to the Cession thereof, by the definitive Treaty of Peace, signed at *Paris* the tenth Day of February, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three, and the Rights of Inheritance, as practiced before that Period, in such Lands or Effects, of any Nature whatsoever, according to the Custom of this Country, shall remain to all Intents and Purposes the same, unless they shall be altered by some declared and positive Law; for which Purpose the present Ordinance shall serve as a Guide and Direction in all such Matters, to every Court of Record in this Province: Provided that nothing in this Ordinance contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to the Prejudice of the Rights of the Crown, or to debar His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors from obtaining, by due Course of Law, in any of His Courts of Record in this Province, according to the Laws of *Great-Britain*, any Lands or Tenements, which at any Time hereafter may be found to be invested in His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, and in the Possession of any Grantee or Grantees, his, her, or their Assigns, or such as claim under them, by Virtue of any such Grants as aforesaid, or under Pretence thereof, or which hereafter may be found to have become forfeited to His Majesty, by Breach of all or any of the Conditions in such Grants respectively mentioned and contained.

And be it Ordained and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first Day of January, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five, every Person arrived at the Age of Twenty-one compleat Years, shall be deemed for the future of full Age and Maturity agreeable to the Laws of England, and shall be entit-