

I. The Act intituled, *An Act to alter the Tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of Durham*, is hereby repealed. 18 V. c. 167, repealed.

II. All conveyances, sales, promises of sale or emphyteotic leases in respect of the said lands by the said Indians, their successors or legal representatives, shall hereafter be considered as having been made by persons legally qualified to lease, alienate, sell, cede and convey their property, notwithstanding any thing to the contrary contained in the Letters Patent of such lands; Provided always, that an annual ground rent of not less than ten dollars for each lot of two hundred acres shall have been stipulated in favor of the Indian to whom any such lot of land was originally granted, or of his heirs or legal representatives; And provided also, that should any contestation arise with respect to the said lands between the said Indians and the parties who have purchased or leased or who shall hereafter purchase or lease the same, such contestation shall be referred to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, and his decision in the matter shall be final and conclusive.

Conveyances, leases, &c., by Indians declared valid.

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III. Any purchaser of any lot or part of a lot of the Indian Lands in the Township of Durham, now in possession of the same, may, if he thinks fit, redeem the rent attached to such land or lot of land by any instrument within the provisions of the preceding section, and payable to the Indians or their legal representatives, by paying the capital thereof at the rate of six per cent., to the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, who is hereby authorized to receive every such deposit and give a receipt therefor, according to Schedule A of this Act.

Purchasers in possession may redeem the rent attached to their lots.

To whom payable.

IV. Every such receipt, after the enregistration thereof in the Registry Office of the County of Drummond, shall be equivalent to a title under Letters Patent of the Government, and shall discharge every such lot or part of a lot designated in such receipt, from all rents or other charges which may have theretofore been payable on the same in favor of the Indian or Indians to whom such lands were granted by the Government.

Receipt for redemption money to be equivalent to a Patent.

V. The said Superintendent General of Indian Affairs shall keep an account of all sums deposited in his hands, and shall pay the interest thereon annually to the Indians, their legal representatives or assigns, according to the proportion to which they are entitled in respect of such property.

Superintendent of Indian Affairs to keep accounts of moneys paid.

VI. In any case in which one or more of the aforesaid Indians shall, prior to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, have sold the rent attached to such land, the party who shall have *bonâ fide* and for a valuable consideration purchased the same, shall be entitled to be reimbursed the sum which he may have paid to such Indian or Indians, as and for the purchase money of such rent, or the sum so paid shall be deducted

Provision in case any Indian has sold the rent on a lot.