

as aforesaid shall be the true limits thereof, any law or custom thereof in any wise to the contrary notwithstanding.

Meridian lines to be drawn by Government in different parts of the Province.

XXVII. The Governor of this Province may, if he shall at any time deem it expedient, or upon any petition forwarded through the Board of Directors or Council of the "Land Surveyors of Lower Canada" aforesaid, direct a meridian line to be properly drawn and marked, or the bearings between certain fixed points and objects to be so ascertained as to enable a Surveyor thereby to ascertain the variation of his instrument from the meridian, in or near the cities of Quebec and Montreal and Three Rivers and the Towns of Sherbrooke and New Carlisle, and at least one in each of the Counties of Lower Canada, by some Land Surveyor or Land Surveyors whom the Governor may appoint, and by which the Land Surveyors operating in such Counties may verify their instruments when necessary.

Defacing or altering land marks to be a misdemeanor.

XXVIII. If any person or persons shall knowingly and wilfully pull down, deface, alter or remove, any landmark, post, or monument placed by any Land Surveyor to mark any limit, boundary or angle of any Township, Concession, Range, lot or parcel of land in Lower Canada, such person or persons shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, being convicted thereof before any competent Court, or before any Justice of the Peace where no such Court shall be at hand, shall be liable to be punished by fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of such Court or Justice of the Peace, such fine not to exceed *one hundred dollars*, and such imprisonment not to be for a longer period than three months, without any prejudice to any civil remedy which any party may have against such offender or offenders in damages by reason of such offence; Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent Land Surveyors, in their operations, from taking up posts or other boundary marks when necessary, after which they shall carefully replace them as they were before.

Punishment.

Where original boundaries are lost and there is an excess of land over that described in title deeds.

XXIX. When any Land Surveyor shall be called upon to survey and lay out the boundaries of two or more lots of land in any concession or range of any seigniori, fief, or township in Lower Canada, where the original boundaries have been destroyed, and when the parties are bounded on both sides by neighbours having *bona fide* boundaries, whether by prescription or other legal means, when the priority of the titles of such parties cannot be ascertained, and when there shall be an excess of land over the quantity mentioned in the title deeds, or a deficiency of land to fill up the title deeds of the said parties requiring such survey, then the surveyor shall divide such excess or deficiency of land between the said parties in proportion to their several quantities mentioned in their titles aforesaid.

Proceedings to be taken by Surveyors to procure information as to boundaries.

XXX. When any surveyor shall be in doubt as to the true boundary or limit of any lot or parcel of ground in any township, seigniori, concession or range, which he may be employed to survey in Lower Canada, and shall have reason to believe that any person is possessed of any important information touching such boundary or limit, then if such person shall not willingly appear before and be examined by such surveyor, or shall not willingly produce to him such writing, plan or document, it shall be lawful for such surveyor, or the party employing him, to file before a Judge of the Circuit Court, or before a Justice of the