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An Act to remove all doubts as to the nullity of the Letters Patent intended to endow the Rectories established in Upper Canada with any portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves.

WHEREAS the establishment and endowment of certain Rectories Preamble,
in Upper Canada, under colour of the Act of the Parliament of
Great Britain, passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of King George
the Third, and intituled, "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed* Imperial Act,
5 "*in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act for* 31, Geo. 3,
"*making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of* C. 31.
"*Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Gov-*
"*ernment of the said Province,*" has caused great and just dissatisfac-
10 tion; And whereas it is expedient to revoke all that has been done in the
premises, and restore the land taken from the public domain for the said
purpose, to the general use of all Her Majesty's subjects in Upper
Canada; Be it therefore enacted, &c.

That the several Letters Patent passed under the great seal of the Province Letters Patent
15 of Upper Canada, whereby certain lands, formerly known as Clergy Re- endowing
serves, were set apart, or intended to be set apart, as endowments to Rectories de-
be held appurtenant to the Rectories therein respectively mentioned, for clared void,
the use and benefit of Clergymen of the Church of England, shall be &c.
and are hereby declared to be and to have ever been null and void to all
20 intents and purpose whatsoever; And the several lands described and
set apart in the said Letters Patent, as endowment as aforesaid for the
said Rectories, shall be held to be vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and
Successors for ever, for the support of the Common Schools in Upper
Canada; Provided always, that the several Rectors now legally in the Proviso.
25 possession of any of the said lands under the said Letters Patent, shall
respectively hold and enjoy the same during their natural lives or incum-
bencies: And provided also, that the Governor of this Province by and Proviso.
with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, in all
30 cases where Churches or Parsonages have been erected upon any of the
said lands, may in his discretion grant and alienate for ever to the owner
or owners of such Churches or Parsonages respectively, a quantity of
the land on which such Churches or Parsonages have been built, to the
extent of five acres for each such Church or Pasonage and no more.