

in superficies, under a penalty of *twenty-five* pounds currency, recoverable before any Court of competent jurisdiction, one moiety whereof shall go to the party prosecuting, and the other to the Crown, and any concession of a greater number of *5 arpens* of land shall be *pleno jure* null and void.

XVII. That the right of pre-emption and the *retrait conventionnel* shall be abolished, and shall not hereafter be stipulated in titles of concession, nor exercised in judicial and forced sales, nor in private sales, unless in the latter case, the Seignior shall prove **10** fraud. Pre-emption and Retrait limited to certain cases

XVIII. That the claim of the Seignior shall be privileged for *cens et rentes*, for five years arrears only, and to *lods et ventes* during the two first years of the exhibition of the title to the Seignior, **15** carrying *saisine*; but in both these cases, the Seignior must sue for the recovery of the amounts claimed, in the Court having jurisdiction, according to the amount of such claims respectively. Privileged claim of Seignior limited.

XIX. That it shall not be lawful hereafter for the Seignior to stipulate with, nor to require from his Censitaires, any reservation **20** of mill-sites, mines, minerals, calcareous stone, timber or other wood, quarries of stone suitable for mill stones, or lime, or any other onerous reservations generally, whatsoever, excepting such as are mentioned in the preceding Sections. Certain reservations only to be stipulated hereafter.

XX. That it shall not hereafter be lawful for the Seigniors to **25** make oppositions *afin de charge*, for the preservation of their Seigniorial rights, to sales of real estate by authority of justice, under the penalty of being condemned to pay the costs thereof, and other charges occasioned by reason of such opposition; but it shall be the duty of the Sheriff to advertize such sale as being **30** subject to Seigniorial rights, and such notice shall be held to be sufficient, and shall be equivalent to an opposition *afin de charge* on behalf of the Seignior. Seigniors not to oppose *afin de charge* for Seigniorial rights.

XXI. That this Act shall extend to all real estate, and lands **35** conceded and held *a titre de cens et rentes* carrying *lods et ventes* situate and lying without the limits of Seignioriy, fief or *arrière-fief*, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. Extent of Act.