Corporation may purchase and hold real Estate.

Proviso -- Such real Estate not to exceed the value of £10.000 Currency.

May hold mortgages as additional security.

and may purchase public Stock.

Proviso.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation to purchase and hold such and so much real estate, as shall be necessary for their convenient accommodation in the transaction of their business, and to sell, alienate and dispose of the same and other Estate, if need be to acquire for the purpose aforesaid; provided that such real Estate shall not, at any time, exceed the value of ten thousand pounds currency; and also to take and hold any real Estate or securities, bona fide, mortgaged or pledged to the said Corporation, either to secure the payment of the share of the Capital Stock thereof, or to secure the payment of any debt which may be contracted with the said Corporation, and also to proceed on the said mortgages or other securities for the recovery of the monies thereby secured, either at Law or in Equity, or otherwise, in the same manner as any other mortgagee is or shall be authorised to do, and it shall also be lawful for the said Corporation to purchase and hold any Public stock or funded debt that now is or hereafter may be created under any law of the Province of Upper or Lower Canada, and the said public stock or funded debt to sell and transfer, and again to renew such investments, when and as often as the interest of the said Corporation shall so require, provided always that it shall not be lawful for the said Corporation to deal or use, or employ any part of the stock, funds or monies thereof, in buying or selling any goods, wares, and merchandises in the way of traffic, trade or commerce, otherwise than herein-before specified and permitted.

His Majesty's

III. And be it further enacted by the autho-Rights reserved. rity aforesaid, that nothing herein-contained shall affect or be construed to affect, in any manner or way, the rights of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or of any person or persons, or of any Body, Politic or Corporate, such only excepted as are herein-mentioned.

Public Act.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authoty aforefaid, that this Act shall be deemed a public Act; and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other persons whatsoever, without , being specially pleaded.