No. 259.7

## BILL

## An Act to amend the Act to enable the inhabitants of the Parish of St. Francois du Lac, better to regulate the Common of St. Francois.

TATHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the division of the Common Preamble. of St. Francois du Lac among the co-proprietors thereof, in accordance with their respective rights therein, so that each one may be enabled separately to enjoy or dispose of his share in the said common, b and for that purpose to grant more ample powers to the Chairman and Trustees "of the said Common appointed in virtue of the Act of 1853, intituled. An Act to enable the inhabitants of the Parish of St. Francois du Lac, better to regulate the common of St. Francois ;" Therefore Her Majesty, &c. enacts as follows :

10 I. It shall be the duty of the said Trustees, as soon as possible after the Number of copassing of this Act, to ascertain and determine by such means as they provide ascertained shall deem expedient, the exact number of the co-proprietors of the said common, and to establish the exact interest held by each such co-proprietor therein.

15 II. The said Chairman and Trustees shall then proceed to nominate Common to be and appoint a sworn surveyor whose duty it shall be to make a plan of divided into the said common and to subdivide and apportion it as equally with refer-number to ence to superficial area as possible, into as many lots as there shall be shares. shares in the said Common, reserving such extent thereof for roads and thoroughfares as may be necessary for the use and convenience of the said

20 co-proprietors : Provided always, that the boundaries and limits of the said Proviso. common as they are at present established and determined shall be the limits and boundaries of the said Common for all the purposes of this Act.

III. Upon the completion of the said survey and the subdivision of the Appointment 25 said common into lots, the said Chairman and Trustees shall call a meet- of arbitrators to fix value of ting of the co-proprietors of the said Common, due notice whereof shall be lots. given by advertisement, posted up at the church doors of the Parishes of St. Thomas de Pierreville and St. Francois du Lac, upon two consecutive Sundays, and by public notice on two consecutive Sundays immediately

- after Divine Service in the Forenoon at the doors of the churches aforesaid; and a majority of the said co-proprietors present at such meeting shall proceed to appoint two disinterested persons to act as arbitrators, whose duty it shall be to estimate and determine the value of each lot respectively, into which the said common shall have been so divided.
- IV. In case the said arbritrators shall not be able to agree, they may In case of dis-85 appoint a third, and their report, or that of any two of them, shall be final. pute.