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An Act to Incorporate the Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in each diocese in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS the Right Reverend Joseph Signay, Archbishop of Quebec, the Right Reverend Ignace Bourget, Catholic Bishop of Montreal, and the Right Reverend Joseph Eugène Bruno Guignes, Bishop of Bytown, in this Province, have petitioned this Parliament to pass an Act incorporating the said Archbishop and Bishops severally, and enabling each to hold and acquire real estate in this Province for religious purposes; and whereas it is expedient to comply with the prayer of the said petition, and nothing but advantage can result therefrom, especially for Her Majesty's Catholic subjects in Lower Canada: Be it therefore enacted, &c.:

That from and after the passing of this Act, the said Joseph Signay and his successors, being Archbishops of Quebec aforesaid, and in communion with the Church of Rome, the said Ignace Bourget and his successors, being Catholic Bishops of Montreal aforesaid, and in communion with the Church of Rome, and the said Joseph Eugène Bruno Guignes, and his successors, being Bishops of Bytown aforesaid, (for that part of that diocese which is situate in Lower Canada,) shall be, and are hereby declared to be, each respectively a body corporate, in his respective diocese aforesaid, in deed and in name, the said Joseph Signay and his successors, by the name of "The Archiepiscopal Corporation of Quebec," the said Ignace Bourget and his successors, by the name of "The Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Montreal," and the said Joseph Eugène Bruno Guignes and his successors, by the name of "The Episcopal Corporation of Bytown," and that each of

Preamble.

Archbishop of Quebec, Catholic Bishop of Montreal, and Bishop of Bytown, respectively, constituted Corporations.

Corporate names.