
BILL.

An Act to Assimilate the Tenure of Land in the Seigniorv of Sault Saint Louis to that in the other Seigniorv in this Province.

WHEREAS there is inherent in the Iroquois Indians of Sault Saint Louis, otherwise called Caughnawaga, an amount of negligence and apathy with respect to the cultivation and improvement of their lands, the keeping in repair of roads, and the fulfilment of the other 5 duties of proprietors, which is a continual source of inconvenience to the inhabitants of the neighboring parishes; and whereas it is expedient to put an end to this state of things; and whereas such a result would be attained by assimilating the tenure of land in the said Seigniorv to that in the other Seigniorv in this Province: Therefore Her Majesty, 10 by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. From and after the passing of this Act, every Iroquois Indian or other Indian may transfer, convey, sell, or otherwise alienate in fee simple, (*en pleine propriété*), any land or immovable property occupied by him within the limits of the said Seigniorv, to any Indian or other person, as fully as any proprietor may do; and in case of the acquisition of any land in the said Seigniorv by a white person, such person may settle upon such land, or in any other part of the said Seigniorv, notwithstanding any law, regulation or custom to the contrary.

Preamble.

Indian occupant of land in the Seigniorv may convey it in fee simple to any person; and the purchaser, although a white, may settle in the Seigniorv.