

Reign of his late Majesty King George the Third, and intituled, "*An Act or Ordinance concerning the building and repairing of Churches, Parsonage houses, and Churchyards,*" to continue proceedings commenced before them until final judgment, be and the same is hereby repealed; and that the said proceedings commenced before the said Commissioners shall be conducted and continued until final judgment before the Commissioners appointed under the provisions of the Ordinance continued and amended by this Act. 5 10

Provisions of Ordinance as amended to apply to proceedings commenced before its passing.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the provisions of the said Ordinance as amended by this Act, shall be applicable to proceedings commenced before the passing of the said Ordinance; and all proceedings had before the Commissioners appointed under the authority of the said Ordinance, and the orders, judgments and decrees given and rendered by them in the said affairs are hereby confirmed and declared valid, saving in cases where their validity may have been contested in any Court of Justice before the day of the passing of this Act. 15 20

The said Ordinance to extend to Churches, &c. authorized by canonical decree issued before the passing thereof.

IX. And whereas the provisions of the said Ordinance continued and amended by this Act, do not extend to Churches, Sacristies, Parsonage houses and Churchyards, the construction or repairing whereof is allowed or ordered by a canonical decree rendered and issued before the passing of the said Ordinance; be it enacted, that all the provisions of the said Ordinance as amended by this Act, concerning the construction and repair of Churches, Sacristies, Parsonage houses and Churchyards, and all the powers, authority and jurisdiction conferred by the same and by this Act upon the said Commissioners, shall be and are hereby extended to Churches, Sacristies, Parsonage houses and Churchyards the construction and repairing whereof may have been allowed or ordered by a canonical decree rendered and issued according to the Ecclesiastical Laws and forms followed and in use in the diocese of Quebec or of Montreal, before the passing of the said Ordinance, and may be exercised in as full, ample and beneficial a manner to all intents and purposes, as if such canonical decree had been made and rendered after the passing and under the provisions of the said Ordinance. 25 30 35 40

Obligations of Fabriques.

X. And whereas in certain parts of Lower Canada, it has been the custom to construct and repair Churches, Sacristies, Parsonage houses and Churchyards, in conformity with canonical decrees given and rendered by the Ecclesiastical authorities, without having recourse to the authority of the said Commissioners, and to a forced assessment, but by means of voluntary contributions, often insufficient to pay all the expenses of construction or repair, so that sums of money have remained due to the con- 45 50