

Proviso. trary notwithstanding; Provided always, that all debts which may be due on the said Common when this Act shall come into force, shall be discharged and paid by the said Municipal Council, who may be compelled so to do by all legal means and proceedings at law. 5

Recital. IX. And whereas a great number of inhabitants holding lots of land and houses on the said Common have suffered damage by the floods which have taken place during the last years and the majority of them are indebted in arrears of *cens et rentes* and other dues, as well 10 as *lods et ventes*, which, if exacted, would ruin many of the said inhabitants, and considerably impoverish a great number of others, Be it therefore enacted, That the said Municipal Council shall have power and authority to remit to the *censitaires* and tenants of, and other persons 15 indebted to the said Common, all arrears of *cens et rentes*, ground rents, dues, *lods et ventes*, and profits by them, owing to the said Common, for or in respect of the lots, ground or property which they may have held, or which they now hold on the said Common, and which shall be 20 due and payable on the day on which this Act shall come into force, or part of the said *cens et rentes*, ground rents, dues, *lods et ventes* and profits, on such conditions as the said Municipal Council shall deem just and equitable, or even without any conditions, if they shall think proper. 25

Council may not sell or alienate Common. X. And be it enacted, That the said Municipal Council shall not in any case, nor for any cause whatsoever, sell, alienate nor hypothecate the said Common nor any portion thereof, nor the property belonging to the said Common, nor any portion thereof; and that the *cens et* 30 *rentes*, ground rents, dues, *lods et ventes*, profits, leases, farm rents or other revenues of the said Common or of any property thereunto appertaining now due and payable, or which may be hereafter due and payable, shall not in any case, nor for any cause whatsoever, be seized nor arrested, 35 on pain of nullity of such seizure or arrest, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding, save and except however, as regards debts contracted or incurred by the said Common, before this Act shall come into force.

Recital. XI. And whereas several *censitaires* of the said Com- 40 mon abandon the lots and grounds held by them thereon, while others neglect, during several years, to pay the *cens et rentes* and other annual dues, which they owe to the said Common, so as to cause them to be lost for the past and for the future, (inasmuch as the said lots or grounds 45 are of too little value to warrant the incurring of the costs of selling them under execution,) and retard the increase and prosperity of the Town of Three Rivers, by depriving honest and industrious persons of the power of settling thereon and enhancing the value thereof: Be it therefore 50 enacted, That after the expiration of at least two months

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