

*Province of Lower Canada, and for the gradual Conversion of those Tenures into the Tenure of Free and Common Soccage, and for other Purposes relating to the said Province, after reciting that Doubts had arisen whether Lands granted in the said Province of Lower Canada by His said late Majesty King George the Fourth, or by any of His Royal Predecessors, to be holden in Free and Common Soccage, would be held by the Owners thereof, or would subsequently pass to other Persons, according to the Rules of Descent and Alienation in force in England, or according to such Rules as were established by the ancient Laws of the said Province for the Descent and Alienation of Land situate therein, it was thereby declared and enacted, that all Lands within the said Province of Lower Canada, which had theretofore been granted by His said late Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to any Person or Persons, their Heirs and Assigns, to be holden in Free and Common Soccage, or which should or might thereafter be so granted by His said late Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to any Person or Persons, their Heirs and Assigns, to be holden in Free and Common Soccage, might and should be by such Grantees, their Heirs and Assigns, held, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed, and disposed of, and might and should pass by Descent, in such Manner and Form, and upon and under such Rules and Restrictions, as are by the Law of England established and in force in reference to the Grant, Bargain, Sale, Alienation, Conveyance, Disposal, and Descent of Lands holden by the like Tenure therein situate, or to the Dower or other Rights of Married Women in such Lands, and not otherwise, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding; and it was thereby provided, that nothing therein contained should extend to prevent His Majesty, with the Advice and Consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, from making and enacting any such Laws or Statutes as might be necessary for the better adapting the before-mentioned Rules of the Law of England, or any of them, to the local Circumstances and Conditions of the said Province of Lower Canada and the Inhabitants thereof: And whereas Doubts have arisen how far it is competent to His Majesty, with the Advice and Consent of the said Legislative Council and Assembly, to make and enact any Laws or Statutes establishing Rules respecting the Descent of Lands so granted in Free and Common Soccage as aforesaid, or respecting the Grant, Bargain, Sale, Alienation, Conveyance, or Disposal of such Lands, or respecting the Dower or other Rights of Married Women in or to such Lands, in any Case wherein such Rules are repugnant to or at variance with the Law of England; and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to assent to or to authorize His or Their Assent to be given to any Bill or Bills which hath or have heretofore been or which may hereafter be passed by the said Legislative Council and Assembly for regulating the Descent, Grant, Bargain, Sale, Alienation, Conveyance, or Disposal of any Lands which are now or which may*

His Majesty may assent to any Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of Lower Canada for regulating the Descent or Grant