

tion, holding Civil Pleas in the District where such Lands shall be situate; and provided further, that no such Surrender, Re-grant, Change of Tenure, or Commutation, Release, and Extinguishment of Feudal and Seigniorial Dues, Rights, and Burthens, shall be good, valid, or effectual to any Purpose whatsoever, unless such Notification shall have been previously made, and the Consent of all such Persons having, holding, or claiming any Right or Interest, Security, Charge, or Incumbrance in or upon the said Lands, shall have been signified and deposited as aforesaid, or until the Person applying for such Commutation, Release, or Extinguishment of Feudal or Seigniorial Dues, Rights, or Burthens; shall show, to the Satisfaction of His Majestys' Executive Council, or of his immediate Superior Lord or Seignior, as the Case may be, that no such Claim hath been made or signified, or that having been made it hath been satisfied or discharged, or been declared by a Judgment of a competent Court of Law to be unfounded.

VIII. And whereas doubts have arisen, whether Lands granted in the said Province of *Lower Canada* by His Majesty, or by any of His Royal Predecessors, to be holden in Free and Common Soccage, shall be held by the Owners thereof, or will 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; be it therefore declared and enacted, That all Lands within the said Province of *Lower Canada*, which have heretofore been granted by His Majesty, or by any of His Royal Predecessors, to any Person or Persons, their Heirs and Assigns, to be holden in Free and Common Soccage, or which shall or may hereafter be so granted by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to any Person or Persons, their Heirs and Assigns, to be holden in Free and Common Soccage, may and shall be by such Grantees, their Heirs and Assigns, held, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and disposed of, and may and shall 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, 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: Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall 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 may be necessary for the better adapting the before-mentioned Rules of the Law of *England*, or any of them, to the local Circumstances and Condition of the said Province of *Lower Canada*, and the Inhabitants thereof.

Lands holden in Free and Common Soccage in Lower Canada to be subject to the Laws of England.

IX. And whereas under and by virtue of a certain Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act for establishing Courts of Judicature in the Island of Newfoundland, and in the Islands adjacent; and for re-annexing part of Labrador, and the Islands lying on the said Coast, to the Government of Newfoundland;* and of the Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the better Administration of Justice in Newfoundland, and for other Purposes, the Coast of Labrador, from the River Saint John to Hudson's Streights, and the Island of Anticosti, and all the Islands adjacent to the said Coast, except the Islands of Madelaine, are annexed to and form part of the Government of Newfoundland;* and it is expedient that certain parts of the said Coast of *Labrador*, should be re-annexed to and form part of the Province of *Lower Canada*; be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said coast as lies to the westward of a line to be drawn due north and south from the Bay or Harbour of *Ance Sablon*, inclusive, as far as the fifty-second degree of north latitude, with the Island of *Anticosti*, and other Islands

Certain Parts of the Coast of Labrador adjacent Islands re-annexed to Lower Canada. 49 G. 3. c. 27. 5 G. 4. c. 67.