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Act the said Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom, may exercise, execute, perform or do, as validly and effectually as the said Lord High Admiral 5 or Commissioners aforesaid, might exercise, execute, perform and do the same, and to revoke such authority at pleasure, and such authority shall, notwithstanding the death, resignation, or removal from office of such Lord High Admiral or Commissioners, or any one or more of 10 them who shall have given the same, remain in force as if given by the said Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral for the time being, until it shall be revoked by the said Lord High Admiral for the time being, or by the Commissioners 15 for executing the office of Lord High Admiral for the time being, or any two of them.

LVII. And be it enacted, That in the construction Interpretation

and for the purposes of this Act, unless there be some-clause. thing in the subject or context repugnant to such con-20 struction, the following words shall bear the meaning assigned to them respectively, that is to say: the words "Lower Canada," wheresoever they occur in this Act, or in the Schedule hereunto annexed, shall be held to mean all that part of this Province which formerly con-25 stituted the Province of Lower Canada, and the words "Upper Canada," all that part of this Province which formerly constituted the Province of Upper Canada; and the words "Her Majesty," or "the Crown," shall be held to mean and include Her Majesty and Her Royal prede-30 cessors and Successors, and the words "Commissioners of the Admiralty," and the word "Commissioners," shall severally be construed to mean the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for the time being, 35 but shall apply also to the said Lord High Admiral whenever there shall be such officer; the words "person" or "persons" shall each of them be construed to include all bodies politic, corporate, collegiate, ecclesiastical and civil, both aggregate and sole as well as every private 40 individual; the word "lands," shall be construed to include lands of every tenure and also houses, buildings, grounds, tenements and hereditaments, both corporal and incorporal, of every description and tenure; and all words importing the singular number or the masculine

LVIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be Public Act. 50 deemed and taken to be a public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

41 gender only, shall be held to include the plural number, and females as well as males; unless the context shall clearly require that a more limited meaning be assigned

to them.