

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHURCH SOCIETY IN LOWER CANADA. 3

that the bishop of the diocese in and for which each of the said corporations is constituted shall be the president of such corporation, and shall have full power to sanction and confirm any constitution, bye-law, rule or regulation of such corporation, or any abrogation, repeal, change or alteration of the same, in the manner provided by the fifth section of the Act first aforesaid, anything in the said section to the contrary notwithstanding.

7. And be it enacted, that notwithstanding any omission in the letters patent erecting the present dioceses of Quebec and Montreal respectively, the district of Saint Francis shall be, and shall be held to have been, included within the present diocese of Quebec, to all intents and purposes, as if it had been made part of the said diocese by the said letters patent erecting the same.

8. And be it enacted, that any gift, legacy, devise or bequest of property, or any right, title, interest in or to any property, which before the time when the letters patent aforesaid took effect was made to or vested in the Bishop of Quebec, or in the Bishop of Montreal administering the diocese of Quebec, shall be, and shall be held to have been, from the time last aforesaid, made to or vested in the Bishop of Quebec as now constituted, who shall be held to be the successor of such first-mentioned bishop; and any Act, ordinance or law, deed, instrument or writing made before the said time, and any will, testament or codicil of any testator who died before the said time, in which the diocese of Quebec, or the Bishop of Montreal or bishop administering the diocese of Quebec, is mentioned or referred to, or intended, shall be construed and have effect from the said time as if the diocese or bishop therein intended, mentioned or referred to, were the diocese of Quebec as now constituted, or the bishop of Quebec as now constituted, except where such construction would be contrary to justice or to the provisions of this Act, or of any other Act passed or to be passed during the present Session of the provincial Parliament, or to the letters patent aforesaid: Provided that it shall always be lawful for the Bishop of the aforesaid diocese of Quebec to assign and convey to the Bishop of Montreal any property held by him in trust, if the said bishop shall be of opinion that such trust can be better or more conveniently performed by the Bishop of Montreal, anything in the will, testament, deed or instrument creating such trust to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided that all such deeds of real estate (except leases for a term not exceeding nine years) shall be duly registered according to law, within six calendar months after the making and execution thereof, otherwise the same shall be void and of none effect; and that such registration within the said term of six months, shall not give any greater effect in other respects to any such deed than is by law given to the registration of any other deed of real estate in Lower Canada.

9. And be it enacted, that the Bishop of Quebec and his successors, by the name of the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and the Bishop of Montreal and his successors, by the name of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, shall respectively be a corporation sole, and shall be deemed to have been so from the time when the letters patent aforesaid took effect, and shall respectively have and shall be held to have had from the said time, full power and authority to sue and be sued, and to take and hold (with or without licence or letters of mortmain) any real property within this province, and any personal property whatsoever, whether by devise, bequest, gift, grant, or other title or conveyance whatsoever, and the same or any part thereof to alienate, unless when held in trust for any special purpose, in the instrument creating which trust such alienation is forbidden, and other the powers vested by law in bodies corporate generally: And the Bishop of Quebec, or the Bishop of Montreal, or Bishop administering the diocese of Quebec before the time when the said letters patent took effect, shall be held to have had full power and authority to sue and be sued, and to take and hold (with or without licence or letters of mortmain) any real property within this province, and any personal property whatsoever, whether by devise, bequest, gift, grant, or other title or conveyance whatsoever, and the same or any part thereof to alienate, unless when held in trust for any special purpose, in the instrument creating which trust such alienation is forbidden, and other the powers vested by law in bodies corporate generally; and the Bishop of Quebec, or the Bishop of Montreal, or bishop administering the diocese of Quebec, before the time when the said letters patent took effect, shall be held to have had full power and authority to sue and be sued, and to take and hold, with or without licence or letters of mortmain, any real property within this province, and any personal property