

Which said Section shall be construed as the thirteenth Section of the said Act.

Proviso to section 14 repealed.

II. The Proviso to the fourteenth Section of the said Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following Proviso shall be and is hereby substituted therefor, and shall be, and shall be deemed and taken to have been, the Proviso to the said fourteenth Section :

New Proviso substituted.

“ Provided always, that all such Bank Notes shall bear date at the City, Town or Village wherein such Bank is situate,— that they shall be made payable to bearer on demand,—that they shall be marked on the face thereof as being secured by deposit of Provincial securities,—and that they shall be held to be payable at the Office of the Bank, and not elsewhere.”

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An Act to change the tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of Durham.

[Assented to 21st April, 1856.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS an extent of eight thousand four hundred and ninety acres of land, in the Township of Durham in Lower Canada, was granted, in the year one thousand eight hundred and five, to divers Indians, for them and their legal successors, under and by virtue of Letters Patent issued under the hand and seal of Sir Robert Shore Milnes, at that time Lieutenant Governor, on the condition that they should settle thereon and be incapable of selling, alienating or even leasing the said Lands ; And whereas the said Indians, or their legal successors or representatives, have in certain cases sold, leased or alienated all their rights in respect of such lands, for fixed sums of ground rents, and have all abandoned the said lands after having so conveyed them ; And whereas the parties to whom such lands were so conveyed, have cleared and improved the same, erected buildings thereon and made agricultural settlements thereof, of great value, and the doubts which have arisen respecting the legality of such transactions are a great obstacle to the further progress of the said settlements, and it is desirable, both in the interest of the Indians who do not reside any more on the said lands, and in that of the public of the said locality, that the said transactions should be rendered legal, in order to secure a just compensation to the former, and incontestable titles to the parties now in possession of the said lands ; And whereas the Act passed in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered one hundred and sixty-seven, is insufficient for the object intended : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :