

C A P. LVIII.

An Act for the Relief of certain Religious Congregations therein mentioned.

26th March, 1830. Presented for His Majesty's Assent, and reserved "for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon."

31st January, 1831. Assented to by His Majesty in His Council.

29th April, 1831. The Royal Assent signified by the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

Preamble.

WHEREAS religious societies of various denominations of Christians find difficulty in securing the titles of land requisite for the site of a church, meeting-house, chapel, burial-ground, dwelling-house for a priest, minister or religious teacher, or for a school-house, for want of a corporate capacity, by means of which they might have and hold the same forever ; and whereas it is expedient to provide some safe and adequate relief in such cases ; Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's, Reign, intituled, "*An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North-America,*" and to make further provision for the government of the said Province ;" and it is hereby declared and enacted by the authority of the same, that whenever any Religious Congregation or Society of Christians shall have occasion to take a conveyance of land for any of the uses aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for them to appoint Trustees, to whom and to whose successors, to be appointed in such manner as shall be specified in the deed of conveyance, the land requisite for all or any of the purposes aforesaid may be conveyed, and such Trustees and their successors in perpetual succession, by the name to them given and expressed by and in the said deed of conveyance shall be capable of taking, holding and possessing such land, and of commencing and maintaining any action or actions at law for the protection of the land so conveyed or concerning in any way their rights and property therein.

When any Religious Congregation or Society of Christians may have occasion to take a conveyance of Land, it shall be lawful for them to appoint Trustees.

Only eight arpents to be held in trust for the use of one congregation. only one half arpent in Cities and Towns.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no more than eight arpents of land in superficies, shall be held in trust for the purposes and in the manner aforesaid, for the use of any one Congregation ; Provided always, that the land to be held in trust as aforesaid in cities, towns and boroughs shall not exceed one half of an arpent in superficies.

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