

and it is important with a view to the progress and welfare of such Tribes, that the property thus acquired or purchased should be protected from seizure, distress or sale, under or by virtue of any process whatsoever: Be it therefore enacted, That none of such presents or of any property purchased or acquired with or by means of such annuities, or any part thereof, or otherwise howsoever, and in the possession of any of the Tribes or any of the Indians of such Tribes, shall be liable to be taken, seized or distrained for any matter or cause whatsoever.

Indian presents not to be purchased from them.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners appointed under the Acts of Parliament in the next section of this Act mentioned, or either of them, and the different Superintendents of the Indian Department, either now in office or who may hereafter be appointed to either of such offices shall, by virtue of their office and appointment, be Justices of the Peace within the County, or United Counties, within which, for the time being, they or any or either of them, may be resident or employed as such Commissioners or Superintendents, without any other qualification; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commissioners and Superintendents of Indians to be Justices of the Peace.

X. And whereas for the purpose of affording better protection to the Indians in the unmolested possession and enjoyment of their lands, it is expedient to give more summary and effectual powers to the Commissioners appointed or who may be appointed by virtue of the Act of the Province of Upper Canada, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered fifteen, and intituled, *An Act for the protection of the lands of the Crown in this Province from trespass and injury*, and also by virtue of the Act of this Province, passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered nine, and intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for the protection of the lands of the Crown in this Province from trespass and injury, and to make further provision for that purpose,'* to enable them more efficiently to protect the said lands from trespass and injury, and to punish all persons trespassing upon or doing damage thereto: Be it therefore enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons other than Indians, and those who may be inter-married with Indians, to settle, reside upon or occupy any lands or roads or allowances for roads running through any lands belonging to or occupied by any portion or Tribe of Indians within Upper Canada, and that all leases, contracts and agreements made or to be made, purporting to have been or to be made, by any Indians, or by any person or persons inter-married with any Indian or Indians whereby any person or persons other than Indians shall be permitted to reside upon such lands, shall be absolutely void; and if any person or persons other than Indians, or those who may be inter-married with Indians as aforesaid, shall, without the license of the said Commissioners or any or either of them, (which license, however, the said

Recital.

U. C. 2 Vict. c. 15.

Canada. 12 Vict. c. 9.

None but Indians or those inter-married with them to reside on Indian Lands.

Provision for the removal of persons contravening this section.