

port of a Protestant Clergy, within the said province, as he or they shall, from time to time, think necessary and expedient.

No person professing the Romish religion obliged to take the oath of I Eliz.; but to take before the Governor, &c. the following oath.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, that no person, professing the Religion of the Church of Rome, and residing in the said Province, shall be obliged to take the oath required by the said statute passed in the first year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, or any other oaths substituted by any other Act in the place thereof; but that every such person who, by the said statute, is required to take the oath therein mentioned, shall be obliged, and is hereby required, to take and subscribe the following oath before the Governor, or such other person in such Court of Record as his Majesty shall appoint, who are hereby authorized to administer the same *videlicet* :

The oath.

*I A. B. do sincerely promise and swear, that I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to his Majesty King George, and him will defend to the utmost of my power, against all traitorous conspiracies, and attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown, and Dignity; and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to his Majesty, his Heirs and successors, all treasons, and traitorous conspiracies, and attempts, which I shall know to be against him or any of them; and all this I do swear without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation, and renouncing all Pardons and Dispensations from any Power or Person whomsoever to the contrary.*

*So help me GOD.*

Persons refusing the oath to be subject to the penalties by act I. Eliz.

And every such person, who shall neglect or refuse to take the said oath before-mentioned, shall incur and be liable to the same penalties, forfeitures, disabilities and incapacities, as he would have incurred and been liable to, for neglecting or refusing to take the oath required by the said statute, passed in the first year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

His Majesty's Canadian subjects (religious Orders excepted,) may hold all their possessions, &c.

and in matters of controversy, resort to be had to the laws of Canada for the decision.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all his Majesty's Canadian subjects within the province of Quebec, the religious orders and Communities only excepted, may also hold and enjoy their property and possessions, together with all customs and usages relative thereto, and all other their civil rights, in as large, ample, and beneficial manner, as if the said proclamation, commission, ordinances, and other acts and instruments had not been made and as may consist with their allegiance to his Majesty, and subjection to the Crown and Parliament of Great Britain; and that in all matters of controversy, relative to property and civil rights, resort shall be had to the laws of Canada, as the rule for the decision of the same; and all causes that shall hereafter be instituted in any of the Courts of Justice, to be appointed within and for the said province by his Majesty, his heirs and successors, shall, with respect to such property and rights, be determined agreeably to the said laws and customs of Canada, until they shall be varied or altered by any ordinances that shall from time to time, be passed in the said province by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of the same, to be appointed in manner herein-after-mentioned.

Not to extend to lands granted by his Majesty in

IX. Provided always, That nothing in this act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any lands that have been granted by his Majesty, or shall hereafter