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BILL.

An Act to make better provision for the appropriation of Monies arising from the Sale of the Clergy Reserves.

HEREAS by the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, and 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," it is among other things enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, to authorize the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of each of the Provinces of Upper Canada and of Lower Canada respectively, or the person administering the Government therein, to make from out of the Lands of the Crown within such Provinces, such allotment and appropriation of lands as therein mentioned, for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy within the same; and it was further enacted, that all and every the rents, profits and emoluments which might at any time arise from such lands so allotted and appropriated as aforesaid, should be applicable solely for the maintenance and support of a Protestant Clergy within the Province in which the same should be situated, and to no other purpose whatever. whereas in pursuance of the said Act, such allotments and appropriations of land as aforesaid, have been from time to time reserved for the purposes therein mentioned, which lands are known in this Province by the name of The Clergy Reserves; And whereas by another Act of the said Parliament passed in the Session held in the seventh and eighth years of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, and intituled, An Act to authorize the Sale of a part of the Clergy Reserves in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of the said Provinces, or either of them, was empowered with the consent of the Executive Council of such Province, and in pursuance of His Majesty's instructions, to sell and convey in fee simple or for any less estate or interest, a part of the said Clergy Reserves in each of the said Provinces, not exceeding in either Province one fourth part of the Reserves within the same, nor exceeding one hundred thousand acres in either of them in any one year, and it was enacted that the proceeds of such sales should, by the proper officers, be invested in the Public Funds of the United Kingdom, and that the Dividends and Interest of the monies so invested should be appropriated in the manner provided by the said last mentioned