

District of St.
Francis to be
in Diocese of
Quebec.

VII. And be it enacted, That, notwithstanding any omission in the Letters Patent erecting the present Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal respectively, the District of Saint Francis shall be and shall be held to have been included within the present Diocese of Quebec, to all intents and purposes as if it had been made part of the said Diocese by the said Letters Patent erecting the same. 5

How certain
devises and
instruments
mentioning
the Bishop of
Quebec, &c.
shall hereafter
be construed.

VIII. And be it enacted, That any gift, legacy, devise or bequest of property, or any right, title, interest, in or to any property, which before the time when the Letters Patent aforesaid took effect, was made to or vested in the Bishop of Quebec, or in the Bishop of Montreal administering the Diocese of Quebec, shall be, and shall be held to have been from the time last aforesaid, made to or vested in the Bishop of Quebec as now constituted, who shall be held to be the successor of such first mentioned Bishop; and any Act, ordinance or law, deed, instrument or writing made before the said time, and any will, testament or codicil of any testator who died before the said time, in which the Diocese of Quebec, or the Bishop of Montreal or Bishop administering the Diocese of Quebec, is mentioned or referred to or intended, shall be construed and have effect from the said time as if the Diocese or Bishop therein intended, mentioned or referred to, were the Diocese of Quebec as now constituted, or the Bishop of Quebec as now constituted, except where such construction would be contrary to justice or to the provisions of this Act, or to the Letters Patent aforesaid; Provided that it shall always be lawful for the Bishop of the aforesaid Diocese of Quebec, to assign and convey to the Bishop of Montreal any property held by him in trust, if the said Bishop shall be of opinion that such trust can be better or more conveniently performed by the Bishop of Montreal, anything in the will, testament, deed or instrument, creating such trust to the contrary notwithstanding. 10 15 20 25 30 35

Bishops
declared to be
and to have
been corporations
sole.

Their powers
as such.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Bishop of Quebec and his successors, by the name of the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and the Bishop of Montreal and his successors, by the name of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, shall respectively be a Corporation sole, and shall be deemed to have been so from the time when the Letters Patent aforesaid took effect, and shall respectively have, and shall be held to have had, from the said time, full power and authority to sue and be sued, and to take and hold (with or without license or letters of mortmain) any real property within this Province, and any personal property whatsoever, whether by devise, bequest, gift, grant or other title or conveyance whatsoever, and the same or any part thereof to alienate, unless when held in trust for any special purpose in the instrument creating 40 45 50