

associate with them, at as early a time as may be practicable after the expiration of thirty days from the last publication of the said Questions in the *Canada Gazette*; and it shall be the duty of the said Judges to give the consideration of the said Questions and the hearing thereof such precedence over other matters before them, and to adopt such other measures with regard to them, as will ensure a decision thereon at as early a period as may be conveniently practicable;

Seigniors may
file counter-
questions and
propositions.

4. Any Seignior may, at any time before the end of the said period of thirty days after the last publication of the said Questions, or with leave of the said Judges at any time before the hearing thereon, cause an appearance to be filed for him in the Office of the Court of Queen's Bench, in the matter of the said Questions, and having caused such appearance to be so filed, shall be entitled to be heard by his Counsel upon such Questions, and may submit any supplementary or counter-questions and may append to every such Question, a Statement of the Proposition or Propositions he intends to maintain with regard thereto; but no more than five Counsel shall be heard on the part of all the Seigniors so appearing except by special permission of the Court, and if more claim to be heard, the Judges shall decide between them which shall be heard;

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And so may
Censitaires.

5. The *Censitaires* of any Seignior acting by their Agent to be elected in the manner provided by the eleventh Section of this Act, may also in like manner and within a like delay cause an appearance to be filed for them in the Office of the said Court, and having so done shall be entitled to be heard by their Counsel upon the questions filed by the Attorney General as well as upon any questions or propositions filed by any Seignior, and may submit supplementary or counter-questions or propositions to those of the Crown or of any Seignior; but no more than five Counsel shall be heard on the part of all the *Censitaires*, unless by the special permission of the Court, and if

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