

constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, 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," and by the authority of the same, "That from and after the passing of this Act, the said provision contained in the said Act of the fourteenth year of his present Majesty, be, and the same is hereby repealed; and the authority of the said Laws of Canada, and every part thereof, as forming a rule of decision in all matters of controversy relative to property and civil rights, shall be annulled, made void and abolished, throughout this Province, and that the said Laws, nor any part thereof as such, shall be of any force or authority within the said Province, nor binding on any of the inhabitants thereof."

The same repealed in so far as it constitutes the laws of Canada a rule of decision, in matters of controversy, relative to property and civil rights.

Without affecting claims on real property or contracts or securities already executed.

II. *Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act shall extend to extinguish, release or discharge, or otherwise to affect any existing right, lawful claim or incumbrance, to and upon any lands, tenements or hereditaments within the said Province, or to rescind or vacate, or otherwise to affect any contract or security already made and executed conformably to the usages prescribed by the said Laws of Canada.*

The laws of England to be henceforth the rule of decision.

III. *And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this Act, in all matters of controversy relative to property and civil rights, resort shall be had to the Laws of England as the rule for the decision of the same.*

But the ordinances of the Province of Quebec are no further repealed than as by this act they are necessarily varied.

IV. *Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to repeal or vary any of the ordinances made and passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec, previous to the division of the same into the Provinces of Upper and Lower-Canada, otherwise than as they are necessarily varied by the provisions herein mentioned.*

The rules of evidence to be regulated by those established in England.

V. *And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all matters relative to testimony and legal proof in the investigation of fact, and the forms thereof, in the several Courts of Law and Equity within this Province, be regulated by the rules of evidence established in England.*

But no alteration is made in the subsisting provisions respecting ecclesiastical rights or dues, or the jurisdiction of courts of justice, or the poor or bankrupt laws.

VI. *Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act contained, shall vary, or interfere or be construed to vary or interfere with any of the subsisting provisions respecting ecclesiastical rights or dues within this Province, or with the forms of proceeding in civil actions, or the jurisdiction of the Courts already established, or to introduce any of the Laws of England respecting the maintenance of the poor, or respecting bankrupts.*