

Burthens shall cease upon the Lands for which the same shall be granted;

Instrument in Writing, executed before Two Notaries, or a Notary and Two Witnesses, and also in all Cases where such Commutation, Release, and Extinguishment shall have been declared, awarded, and adjudged: by any Court of competent Jurisdiction, by their Judgment in that Behalf as aforesaid, in favour of any Person or Persons as aforesaid, or any *censitaire* or *censitaires*, against his, her, or their Seigneur or Seigniors Impleaded as aforesaid, all and every *droit de quint*, and *droit de relief*, *droit de cens*, and *droit de lods et ventes*, and Mutation Fine of every description, *droit de retrait*, *casuel* and *conventionel*, *droit de banalité*, *droit de corvée* and every Feudal and Seigniorial Right and Burthen whatsoever, upon or in respect of the Lands for which such Commutation, Release, and Extinguishment shall have been agreed upon, declared, awarded or adjudged as aforesaid, shall, from and after the making of such Agreement or Instrument in Writing, or the rendering of such Judgment as aforesaid, be absolutely and for ever taken away, extinguished, and discharged, as well as in respect of such *censitaire* and *censitaires*, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, his, her, and their Heirs and Assigns, as in respect of the said Lands; and the Tenure of the said Lands shall thenceforward be converted into Free and Common Soccage, and the said Lands be held and be taken, and considered to be held in Free and Common Soccage, in like Manner as Lands are holden in Free and Common Soccage in that part of *Great Britain* called *England*; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

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Nothing herein contained to extend to discharge arrears.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, that nothing herein-before contained shall extend or be construed to extend to discharge any arrears of *Cens et Rentes* or any *Lods et Ventes*, or other Feudal or Seigniorial Rights or Dues that may have accrued before such commutation as aforesaid shall have been required by any *Censitaire* or *Censitaires*, or in anywise to destroy, alter, or affect the recourse which the Seigneur or Seigniors to whom such arrears, *Lods et Ventes*, or rights, shall be due, might lawfully have had or taken for the recovery of the same, if such commutation had not been made.

Persons applying for such Commutation to give Public Notice to Mortgagees & others having Claims on such Lands.

VII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, that in all cases where such application for a Commutation, Release, and Extinguishment of Feudal or Seigniorial Rights, dues or burthens shall be made in respect of Lands held either immediately of the Crown, or as an *Arriere Fief*, as aforesaid, public notice thereof shall be given by the person so applying, for the space of three Calendar months, in the *Quebec Gazette*, published by Authority, and in two other Newspapers, published respectively in the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, thereby calling on all persons who may have or claim to have any present or contingent right, interest, security, charge or incumbrance, either by Mortgage (*Hypothèque*) general or special, express or implied, or under any other title, or by any other means whatsoever, in or upon the Lands in respect of which such Commutation, Release, and Extinguishment of Feudal and Seigniorial rights, dues or burthens, shall be so applied for, to signify in writing, within three Calendar months from the date of such notification, their assent to or dissent from the Surrender, Regrant, and Change of Tenure of such lands and the Commutation Release and Extinguishment of the Feudal and Seigniorial Dues, Rights and Burthens so applied for; which Consent or Dissent in writing shall in case of an Application made by Petition to His Majesty, as herein-before mentioned, be lodged within the said last-mentioned Period of Three Calendar Months (and Access shall be by all Persons freely had thereto) in the Office of the Executive Council of the said Province; and in the Case where such Commutation, Release, and Extinguishment of Feudal and Seigniorial Dues, Rights, and Burthens shall be required of a Seigneur, for and in respect of Lands, holden under him *à Titre de Fief*, in *Arriere Fief*, such Consent or Dissent in Writing shall be lodged within the said Time (and Access shall be by all Persons freely had thereto) in the Office of the Prothonotary or Clerk of the Superior Court of Original Jurisdiction

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