

All Sales, conveyances and other transfers of Lands or other Immoveable property held in Free and Common Socage heretofore executed, to be good and valid though not made according to the Laws of England, &c.

Proviso.

Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, 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 it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that all such grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, alienations, gifts, exchanges, disposals, descents, devises, inheritance, right of dower, or other alienation or conveyance whatsoever, by or in virtue of which any person or persons whomsoever are or shall be the proprietor or possessor of or lay claim to be the Proprietor and possessor of any lands or other immoveable property, heretofore granted in Free and Common Socage within the Province of Lower-Canada, and which may have been made and executed prior to the passing of this Act, for the transfer, alienation, and conveyance of any such lands or other immoveable property, though not made and executed according to the rules and restrictions established by the Law of England, in reference to such grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, alienations, gifts, exchanges, disposals descents, devises, inheritance, right of dower or other conveyances, shall be and are hereby declared to be as good and valid in Law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if they and each and every of them had been made and executed in conformity to such rules and restrictions as aforesaid; Provided always, that such grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, alienations, gifts, exchanges, disposals, descents, devises, inheritance, right of dower or other conveyances, and each and every of them respectively were at the time of making and executing the same, good and sufficient to operate as such grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, alienations, gifts, exchanges, disposals, descents, devises, inheritance, right of dower or other conveyances, under any Law or usage in force in this Province at the time of making and executing the same, and that as fully and amply to all intents and purposes as if the said rules and restrictions of the Law of England had never been in force, or had not been so declared to govern and affect the transfer, alienation and conveyance of lands or other immoveable property so held in Free and Common Socage, any Law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And all such Sales, conveyances and other transfers hereafter executed either according to the Laws of England or according to the Laws of this Province shall be valid.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, all grants, bargains, sales, enfeoffments, alienations, gifts, exchanges, disposals, devises, or other conveyances of any Lands or other immoveable property, now holden, or which may hereafter be held in Free and Common Socage within the limits of the Province of Lower-Canada, and which shall be duly made and executed either upon and under such rules and restrictions as are by the Law