

*Arriere Fief*, or *à Titre de Cens*; and further Provision in this Behalf is necessary: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, 2  
 and by the Authority of the same, That whenever any Person or Persons, holding of His Majesty as Proprietor or Proprietors any Fief or Seigniority in the said Province of *Lower Canada*, and having legally the Power of alienating the same, in which Fief or Seigniority Lands have been granted and are held *à Titre de Fief*, in *Arriere Fief*, or *à Titre de Cens*, shall by Petition to the King, through the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of the said Province, apply for a Commutation of and Release from the *Droit de Quint*, the *Droit de Relief*, or other Feudal Burthens due to His Majesty on such Fief or Seigniority, and shall surrender into the Hands of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, all such Parts and Parcels of such Fief or Seigniority as shall remain and be in his Possession ungranted, and shall not be held as aforesaid *à Titre de Fief*, in *Arriere Fief*, or *à Titre de Cens*, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, or for such Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government as aforesaid, in pursuance of His Majesty's Instructions transmitted through One of His Principal Secretaries of State, by and with the Advice of the executive Council 3  
 of the said Province, to commute the *Droit de Quint*, the *Droit de Relief*, and all other Feudal Rights and Burthens due to His Majesty upon or in respect of such Fief or Seigniority, for such Sum of Money or Consideration, and upon such Terms and Conditions, as to His Majesty, or to such Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government as aforesaid, in pursuance of such Instructions, and by and with such Advice as aforesaid, shall appear meet and expedient; and thereupon to release the Person or Persons so applying, his, her, and their Heirs and Assigns, and all and every the Lands comprized in such Fief or Seigniority, from the said *Droit de Quint*, *Droit de Relief*, and all other Feudal Burthens due or to grow due thereupon to His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, of whatsoever Nature or Kind, for ever; and to cause a fresh Grant to be made to the Person or Persons so applying, of all such Parts and Parcels of such Fief or Seigniority as shall as aforesaid remain and be in his, her, or their Possession ungranted, and which shall not be held *à Titre de Fief*, in *Arriere Fief* as aforesaid, or *à Titre de Cens*, 4  
 to be thenceforward holden in Free and Common Soccage, in like Manner as Lands are now holden in Free and Common Soccage in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, without its being necessary for

Persons holding Fiefs or Seigniorities may, on Application to His Majesty, and on Surrender of the ungranted Parts thereof, obtain a Commutation and Release of Feudal Burthens due to His Majesty thereon.

Such Fief or Seigniority may be re-granted to the Proprietor in Free and Common Soccage.