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An Act to explain the meaning of certain provisions of the Seigniorial Act.

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An Act to explain certain provisions of the Seignorial Act.

WHEREAS the Legislature in enacting that the Schedule of a Seigniorial Act, when once completed and deposited, should not be contested or impeached, did not foresee that errors and omissions might creep into them, calculated to affect the interests both of the seigniors and *censitaires*; and whereas in the Schedules of certain seigniories, the names of some of the *censitaires* have either been omitted or they are set down as holding lands greater or less in extent than they actually held, and it is expedient to provide a remedy for these errors by explaining and declaring the intention of the law in this respect; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. Every *censitaire* whose name shall not have been inscribed in the schedule, as completed and deposited in conformity with the Seignorial Act, shall nevertheless be bound to pay his *rente* at such rate as would have been fixed if his name had not been omitted, and the seignior may demand payment thereof, after having caused a survey to be made to the land so omitted from the Schedule.
2. Any *censitaire* whose name shall have been inscribed on the schedule as holding an extent of land less than that which he actually possesses, shall nevertheless, be bound to pay the *rente* for the whole extent of land which he possesses; and the seignior after he has caused a survey to be made establishing the extent of the land in question, may claim from the *censitaire* payment of the *rente* due on such land, at the rate fixed for that part thereof which has been set down in the schedule.
3. In like manner any *censitaire* whose name shall have been entered on the schedule, for an extent of land greater than that which he actually holds, may after he shall have established by survey the real extent of the land in question, claim from the Seignior a reduction of *rente* proportioned to the extent of land so established.

Preamble.

Censitaires omitted from the schedules.

Censitaires inscribed for less land than they possess.

Or for more land than they possess.