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An Act to facilitate the building of
Churches in certain cases.

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WHEREAS there are some Parishes which are situate partly in one County and partly in another, and in such cases the valuation of the real property in the said Parishes is made by two different bodies of Assessors; And whereas an assessment for the building of a Church, Parsonage-house and its dependencies, Sacristry and Churchyard, based on such partial valuations, may not be equitable; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

That for and notwithstanding the seventeenth paragraph of the thirty-third Section of the Act passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered seven, and intituled, "*An Act to make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in Lower Canada*," whenever a Parish shall be situate partly in one County and partly in another, or when there shall be no Municipal Council in operation in the Municipality in which the Parish is situate, then the Trustees lawfully appointed for the construction of Churches, Sacristies, Churchyards, Parsonage-houses and their dependencies, or the majority thereof, or three persons, being proprietors of real estate in the said Parish, appointed by them, shall be and they are hereby authorized to make, or cause to be made, a valuation and Assessment Roll of the real property situate in the said Parish, and shall enjoy the same powers and authority as if they had been appointed Assessors by the Municipal Council.

Mode of valuation in Parishes lying partly in one County and partly in another, or where there is no Municipality in operation.

II. And be it enacted, That the Assessment Roll so drawn up shall remain open for inspection, from ten in the morning until three in the afternoon of every day, during one calendar month, Sundays and obligatory holidays excepted; and public notice of the time and place at which the said Assessment Roll shall be deposited for inspection shall be given on the two Sundays preceding the deposit of the same, and read and posted at the door of the Church or Chapel, or other public place of worship in the said Parish, or if there be none therein, at the door of one of the most frequented houses of the said Parish.

Publication of Assessment Roll.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees or the majority thereof shall meet, after public notice to that effect given as above

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mentioned, on the twentieth and thirtieth days after the said Roll shall have been deposited for inspection, or if such days shall happen to fall upon a Sunday or obligatory holiday, then on the day following, from nine in the morning until four in the afternoon, to hear and determine the claims or complaints brought by interested parties against the said valuation and Assessment Roll. 5

After such
hearing, the
Roll to be
valid.

IV. And be it enacted, That after the expiration of the period during which the said Roll shall have been open to inspection, the person at whose residence the same shall have been deposited, shall attest, by a certificate sworn to before a Magistrate of the Parish, (or of the County, if there be none in the Parish,) that the said Roll was kept open as above required; and the said Roll shall thereupon, for all the purposes for which the said Trustees shall have been appointed, have full force and effect as if it had been drawn up by the Municipal Council. 10 15