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5th Session, 8th Parliament, 9th Vict., 1866.

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**BILL.**

**An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 18 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, respecting the building and repair of Churches.**

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An Act to amend the Act concerning the erection and division of Parishes, and the building and repairing of Churches, Parsonage-houses and Church yard and Fabrique meetings, Chapter Eighteen of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada.

**W**HEREAS great inconvenience and difficulty is frequently experienced in carrying out works ordered by canonical decree, the Act of Assessment for which has been homologated by the Commissioners, in consequence of the delays and formalities required by law to be observed before any modification of the original design or plan can be approved and sanctioned; For remedy thereof, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :—

In case the ecclesiastical authorities deem it expedient, after an Act of Assessment for the construction of any public building or the carrying out of any work has been homologated, to make any modifications thereto, with respect to the dimensions of the building to be erected, or generally in relation to the nature of the work to be done in virtue of it, it shall be lawful for the ecclesiastical authorities, upon the application of the trustees, to make such modifications to the original canonical decree as they may deem expedient, and such modifications shall then be submitted to the Commissioners, who shall at once proceed to consider and determine the same, having recourse to the formalities prescribed by law for the homologation of the Act of Assessment founded on the original decree.

Power to ecclesiastical authorities to modify their decree after Act has been homologated.