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**An Act relating to the Common of Yamaska. (9th March, 1824.)**

Whereas the Inhabitants of the Seigniorie [Seigneurie] of Yamaska, interested in the Common of the said Seigniorie, have omitted to avail themselves of the benefit of an Act passed in the last Session of the Legislature of this Province, Chapter eighteenth, by not electing on the first Monday in the month of May last, by a majority of Votes, a Chairman and four Trustees to manage and direct their business relating to the said Common, pursuant to the first clause or section of the said Act; and whereas it is expedient that the Inhabitants of the Seigniorie aforesaid should not, by reason of such omission, forego the benefits of the said Act; Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most 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 it shall be lawful for the Inhabitants of the said Seigniorie of Yamaska, interested in the Common of the aforesaid Seigniorie, and qualified as mentioned in the first clause or section of the said Act, passed in the third year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Seigniorie of Yamaska, to provide for the better regulation of the Common of the said Seigniorie," to assemble and meet at the place in the said clause or section mentioned, on the first Monday in the month May next after the passing of this Act, between the hours of ten in the forenoon, and one in the afternoon, then and there to choose and elect by a majority of votes, as directed in the said clause or section, a Chairman and four Trustees to manage and direct the business of the said Common for the purposes of the said Act, which Chairman and Trustees, when so chosen and elected, shall be and constitute the Body Politic and Corporate contemplated in the said Act by the name of the "Chairman and Trustees of the Common of the Seigniorie of Yamaska," and shall be subject to the like liabilities, and shall have and may exercise all the powers, privileges and immunities which are by the said Act either imposed or intended to be conferred on the said Body Politic and Corporate therein-mentioned, and for the purposes of the said Act.

II. Provided always, and be it declared and further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the powers and authorities conferred upon and vested in the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, by the second clause or section of the said Act, with respect to the appointment of a fit and proper person to preside at the first meeting of the Inhabitants aforesaid shall be, and the same are hereby continued for the purposes of this Act, and of the above recited Act.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be deemed a public Act, and shall judicially be taken notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and all other persons whomsoever, without being specially pleaded.