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1 William IV – Chapter 23

An Act to make more effectual provision for the security of the Titles to Real Property in the Inferior District of Gaspé. (31st March, 1831.)

Whereas doubts have arisen respecting the legal effect of the adjudications entered in the Register kept by the Registrar of the Commissioners appointed by virtue of an Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to secure the inhabitants of the Inferior District of Gaspé in the possession and enjoyment of their Lands," and of the officially certified copies of such entries; And whereas it would be of advantage to the Inhabitants of the said District, that the said adjudications should be deposited of record in the Office of the Provincial Court of the said District:—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 declared and enacted by the authority of the same, that all adjudications entered in such Registers, and officially certified copies thereof made or certified under the authority of the said Act, passed in the fifty- ninth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to secure the inhabitants of the Inferior District of Gaspé in the possession and enjoyment of their Lands," shall be deemed and taken to be, and shall to all intents and purposes in Law have the effect of Grants from His Majesty, of each and every Tract, Lot, or Parcel of Land, mentioned and set forth in the same, and of which possession shall have been taken or maintained by virtue of any entry in such Register, and shall vest in the person and persons respectively holding by virtue of such adjudication the fee simple of such Tract, Lot, or Parcel of Land; and shall accordingly be so held and considered by all Judges and Justices of any of His Majesty's Courts in this Province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that so much of the ninth Section of the Act passed in the fifty-ninth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, chapter three, intituled, "An Act to secure the inhabitants of the Inferior District of Gaspé in the possession and enjoyment of their Lands," as is in the words following—"And the person or persons in whose favor they shall have reported, shall be considered as entitled to have a grant or grants under the Great Seal of the Province, of the Lands in respect of which such Report shall be made, and the same shall issue to such person or persons, or to his or their heir or heirs, assignee or assignees accordingly," shall be and is hereby repealed.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no such adjudication shall have any such legal force or effect, unless the person holding any Tract, Lot, or Parcel of Land, by virtue of the same, shall within three years from and after the passing of this Act have deposited an officially certified copy thereof, of Record in the Office of the Provincial Court of the said District; And that the Clerk of the said Court shall receive and keep of Record in the Office of the said Court, all such officially certified copies as shall be brought to him for that purpose, and shall deliver a copy of every such officially certified copy so deposited of Record to any party interested who shall demand the same: And that all copies so delivered, and no other, shall be deemed and taken in all Courts of Justice in which the same shall be produced in evidence, to be authentic copies of the said adjudications, within the true intent and meaning of this Act.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of the Inferior District of Gaspé, to cause this Act to be publicly read at the doors of the Churches or Chapels of Carleton, New Richmond, Bonaventure, New Carlisle, Paspébiac, La Grande Rivière, Perce and Douglas Town [Douglastown], on three successive Sundays immediately after Divine Service in the forenoon.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that for receiving and filing every such officially certified copy of the said adjudications, the Clerk of the said Court shall be entitled to have and receive of the party filing the same, the sum of two shillings and six pence currency, and no more; and for every authentic copy required of him, the sum of five shillings currency, and no more.