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**An Act to incorporate the College of Chambly. (21st March, 1836.)**

Whereas it hath been represented to the Legislature of this Province, by the Reverend Pierre Marie Mignault, Priest, Founder and Superior of the College of Chambly, and Rector of the Parish of Saint Joseph of Chambly, in the District of Montreal, that for the advancement of Education in this Province he is desirous in order to ensure the stability and permanency of the said College, that the Members composing it should be incorporated by Law, and the Property belonging to it should be held in mortmain: And whereas it would tend greatly to the advancement of Education in this Province that the said College should be incorporated, and the said Property held in mortmain, as prayed for; 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 there shall be and there is hereby constituted and established at the said place of Saint Joseph of Chambly aforesaid, and in the College aforesaid, a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Corporation of the College of Chambly," which Corporation shall consist of, Firstly—That one of the Vicars-General, of the Roman Catholic Bishop within whose Diocese the said Parish of Chambly is situate, who shall be designated for that purpose by the said Bishop or his successors in office. Secondly—The said Reverend Pierre Marie Mignault, Priest, who shall as Founder of the said College, be a Member of the said Corporation, for the term of his natural life, and shall be entitled (if by reason of age or infirmity, he should become incapable of performing his functions as Rector of the said Parish of Chambly,) to retire to and into the said College, and to be then and there supported and maintained by and at the expense of the said Corporation. Thirdly—The Principal or Director of the said College, appointed by the Roman Catholic Bishop whose Diocese shall comprise the Parish of Chambly as aforesaid, and his successors in office. Fourthly—The Roman Catholic Rectors, Pastors and Missionaries who shall be the successors of the said Reverend Pierre Marie Mignault, the present Rector of the said Parish of Saint Joseph of Chambly. Fifthly—(And in addition to the Principal or Director aforesaid,) that one of the Ecclesiastics, employed in the said College, who shall be for that purpose designated by the Roman Catholic Bishop aforesaid, or his successors in office. Sixthly—The acting and accountable Churchwarden of the Œuvre and Fabrique of the said Parish of Saint Joseph of Chambly, and his successors in office, which said persons, with the exception of the said Reverend Pierre Marie Mignault, Priest, shall be Members of the said

Corporation, for such time only as they shall hold, have and exercise the offices, situations, qualities, titles and capacities, aforesaid, and shall be succeeded for ever as Members of the said Corporation, by those persons who shall by Law or under the authority of this Act succeed them in such offices, situations, qualities, titles and capacities aforesaid; and the said Corporation so composed may, henceforth and for ever, have a common Seal, with power to change, alter, break, and renew the same when and so often as they shall deem it meet. And the said Corporation may by the same name sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted in all Courts of Law now established, or hereafter to be established in this Province, and shall have full power to make and establish such and so many rules, orders, and regulations (not being contrary to the Laws of the Country,) as they shall deem useful and necessary, as well concerning the system of Education in, as for the conduct and government of the said College, and of the Corporation thereof, and the superintendance, advantage and improvement of all the property moveable or immoveable, belonging to, or which shall hereafter belong to the said Corporation, and shall have power to take under any legal title whatsoever, and to sold for the said College, without any further authorization or letters of mortmain, all land and property, moveable or immoveable, which may hereafter be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed, or granted to the said Corporation, or to sell or alienate the same, if need should be: Provided always, that the net rents issued, and profit arising from the immoveable property and territorial acquisitions of the said Corporation, shall not at any time exceed the sum of three thousand pounds current money of this Province annually, and the said Corporation shall further have the right of appointing an Attorney or Attornies for the management of their affairs, and shall generally enjoy all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other bodies politic and corporations recognized by the Legislature.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all property which shall at any time belong to the said Corporation, as well as the revenues thereof, shall at all times be exclusively applied and appropriated to the advancement of Education, in and by means of the said College, and to no other object, institution, or establishment whatsoever.

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

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall not extend to weaken, diminish, or extinguish the rights and privileges of His Majesty, his heirs and successors, nor of any other person or persons, body politic or corporate, excepting only such rights as are hereby expressly altered or extinguished.