

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1828. York: Robert Stanton, 1828.

9 George IV – Chapter 17

An Act for the Relief of John Matthews. Passed 25th March, 1828.

Whereas the Commissioners under an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty entitled, "*An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their Estates in His Majesty,*" have received from John Matthews Esquire, the sum of Twenty-five Pounds as the consideration money of some piece or parcel of Land, in the Township of Thorold, in the Niagara District, described in the Deed from the said Commissioners to the said John Matthews, as follows, "A certain parcel or tract of Land in the Seventh Concession in the said Township of Thorold, so found to have been in the seizen of the said Samuel Hartwell, at the time of his committing High Treason as aforesaid, purchased by the said Samuel Hartwell, from one John Fox, and at the present supposed to be in the possession of Thaddeus Davis of Thorold as aforesaid, containing, by admeasurement, Thirty Acres, be the same, more, or less." And whereas, the said description is vague, uncertain, and insufficient, and not such as by the terms of the sale ought to have been given, and it is therefore desireable to pass a Law to enable the said Commissioners to refund the said sum of Twenty-five Pounds, received as aforesaid, to the said John Matthews.

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 Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, entitled, "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, '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 by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners under the said Act to return the said sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the said John Matthews.

II. Provided also, That the said John Matthews shall first surrender any Deed and Memorial which the said Commissioners have heretofore transmitted to the said John Matthews, purporting to be a title to the aforesaid piece or parcel of Land.