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**An Ordinance to incorporate the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, to confirm their Title to the Fief and Seigniori of the Island of Montreal, the Fief and Seigniori of the Lake of the Two Mountains, and the Fief and Seigniori of Saint Sulpice, in this Province; to provide for the gradual extinction of Seigniorial Rights and Dues, within the Seigniorial limits of the said Fiefs and Seigniories, and for other purposes.**

Whereas the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice, established, at Montreal in this Province, have since the Capitulation made and signed at Montreal aforesaid, on the eighth day of September, which was in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, held, possessed, and enjoyed, and do still hold, possess, and enjoy the Fief and Seigniori [Seigneurie] of the Island of Montreal and its dependencies, the Fief and Seigniori of the Lake of the Two Mountains [Lac des Deux Montagnes], and the Fief and Seigniori of Saint Sulpice, and their several dependencies, all situate in the said District of Montreal:—And the said Ecclesiastics have alleged, and do allege, that they so as aforesaid have held, possessed and enjoyed, and stilprl do hold, possess and enjoy all and singular the said Fiefs and Seigniories, and their dependencies, rightfully and as the true and lawful owners of the same: And whereas doubts and controversies have-arisen touching the right and title of the said Ecclesiastics, of the said Seigniori of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, in and to the several Fiefs and Seigniories, and their dependencies, of which they have, as aforesaid, been in possession since the said Capitulation, and it has been contended that all and every the said Fiefs and Seigniories became by the conquest, of this Province by the British Arms, vested, and still remain, vested in the Crown: And whereas Her Majesty, desirous that all such doubts and controversies should be removed and terminated, and that her faithful subjects holding lands within the Seigniorial limits of the said Fiefs and Seigniories, should be enabled to effect and obtain the gradual extinction of all Seigniorial rights, dues, and duties, payable or performable for or by reason of such their lands, has of her own mere will and proper motion, graciously signified Her Royal pleasure, that the right and title of the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, in and to the said several Fiefs and Seigniories, should be absolutely confirmed, under and subject to the terms, provisos, conditions and limitations, hereinafter contained and expressed, which said terms, provisos, conditions, and limitations, have been fully and formally agreed to and accepted by the said Ecclesiastics of the said Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal; And whereas for fulfilling Her Majesty's gracious pleasure and intentions in the said behalf, and for other the purposes aforesaid, it is expedient and necessary that the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, should be constituted an Ecclesiastical Corporation, or body Corporate and Ecclesiastical, (Communaute Ecclesiasliqite):—Be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Governor of the Province of Lower Canada by and with the advice and

consent of the Special Council for the affairs of the said Province, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada;" And it is, hereby Ordained and Enacted by the authority of the same, that Joseph Quiblier, Jacques Guillaume Roque, Jean Louis Melchior Sauvage du Chatillonet, Jean Richard, Joseph Comte, and others, who now are members of the said Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and compose the body thereof, and their Ecclesiastical successors, named and appointed by and according to the rules and regulations which now are, or hereafter may be in force for the government of that Institution or Body, shall be, and they are hereby made, constituted, and declared to be an Ecclesiastical Corporation or body Corporate and Ecclesiastical, (Communaute Ecclesiastique) in name and in deed, by the name of "The Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal;" and that by the same name, they shall have perpetual succession, by admitting and electing new members, according to the rules of their foundation and the practice by them heretofore followed, and shall have a common seal, with power to alter, break and make new the same, when and as often as they shall judge it expedient so to do; and that they and their successors by the same name, may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all Courts of Record and places of Judicature and Jurisdiction within the said Province, and do, perform and execute all and every lawful acts and things in as full and, ample manner and form, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as any other Ecclesiastical Corporation or Body Corporate and Ecclesiastical, by law may or ought to do; Provided always, that no rules, bye-laws, or regulations for the temporal government of the said Corporation or its successors, save only those which are now followed and in force in the said Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, shall be valid, binding, or effectual, until they shall have been laid before the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, for the time being, and shall have been by him expressly approved, confirmed, and ratified.

II. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the right and title of the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, in and to all and singular the said Fiefs and Seigniories of the Island of Montreal, of the Lake of the Two Mountains, and of Saint Sulpice, and their several dependencies, and in and to all Seigniorial and Feudal rights, privileges, dues, and duties arising out of and from the same, and in and to all and every the domain, lands, reservations, buildings, messuages, tenements, and hereditaments within the said several Fiefs and Seigniories now held and possessed by them as proprietors thereof, and also in and to all monies, debts, hypotheques, and other real securities, arrears of lods et ventes, cens et rentes, and other Seigniorial dues and duties, payable or performable by reason of lands holden by censitaires, tenants and others, in the said several Fiefs and Seigniories, goods, chattels, and moveable property, whatsoever, now due, owing, belonging, or accrued to the said Ecclesiastics of the said Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or which may hereafter become due and owing, or accrue and belong to them, or to the said Ecclesiastical Corporation, hereby constituted, or their successors, by reason of any lands and tenements holden of the respective censives of the said several Fiefs

and Seigniories, with all and every the rights, privileges, and appurtenances thereunto respectively belonging or in anywise appertaining, shall be, and, they are hereby confirmed and declared good, valid, and effectual in the law, as fully, in the same manner, to the same extent, and for the same objects, intents and purposes as the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of the Fauxbourg Saint Germain Lez Paris, or the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, according to its constitution before the eighteenth day of September, in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine, or either or both of the said Seminaries might, or could have, done, or had a right to do, or might or could have held, enjoyed, or applied the same, or any part thereof, previously to the last mentioned period; And further, that all and singular the said Fiefs, and Seigniories of the Island of Montreal, of the Lake of the Two Mountains, and of Saint Sulpice, and all and every the said domain, lands, buildings, messuages, tenements and hereditaments, Seigniorial dues and duties, monies, debts, hypotheques, real securities, arrears of lods et rentes, cens et rentes, and other Seigniorial dues, goods, chattels, and moveable property whatsoever, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the said Corporation of the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, hereby, constituted, and their successors, to be had, held, possessed, and enjoyed by the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of St. Sulpice of Montreal and their successors, as the true and lawful owners and proprietors of the same, and of every part and parcel thereof, to the only use, benefit, and behoof of the said Seminary or Corporation, and their successors, for ever, according to their rules and regulations, now being or hereafter to be in force, subject, however, to the terms, conditions, provisos, and limitations touching and concerning the same or any part thereof, hereinafter enacted, expressed, and contained.

III. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Corporation of the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, hereby constituted, and their successors, shall be, and they are hereby held and bound, whenever thereunto required by any of the censitaires, or other person or per-persons, or body or bodies politic or corporate, who now hold or who may hereafter hold any real or immoveable property, a titre de cens or en roture, within any one or more of the said Fiefs and Seigniories, to consent, to grant and allow, to and in favour of such censitaire, person or persons, or body or bodies corporate or politic, requiring the same, a commutation, release, and extinguishment of and from the droits de lods et rentes, cens et rentes, and all feudal and Seigniorial burthens whatsoever, to which such censitaire, person, or body corporate, holding real or immoveable property in any one or more of the said Fiefs and Seigniories, his, her, or their heirs, successors, or assigns, and such real and immoveable property, so by him, her or them held, may be subject or liable to, and in favour of the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, for a certain price, indemnity and Consideration in that behalf, agreed upon, or to be fixed, ascertained, and determined in manner hereinafter provided, which shall be paid to the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, by the censitaire, person or body corporate, requiring such comm Citation, release and extinguishment, in manner as hereinafter is directed: Provided always, that no such censitaire, person, or body corporate or politic shall be entitled to, or demand any such commutation, release, and extinguishment, in the behalf aforesaid, until he, she, or they shall have duly paid to the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary

of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, all arrears of Seigniorial rights, dues, and duties, which he, she, or they owed or may owe, or with which the said land or immoveable property, in respect whereof such commutation, release, and extinguishment may be sought or required, had been, was, or may be then chargeable, or shall have otherwise Satisfied them in that behalf by any mode of adjustment agreed upon and concluded.

IV. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the price, consideration, and indemnity, to be paid by any censitaire, person or body politic or corporate, for such commutation, release and extinguishment, with regard to his or their land, or immoveable property, situated within any one or more of, the said Fiefs and Seignories, to be paid by him, her, or them to the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, shall be at and after the rates following, that is to say; That the said commutation of all cens et rentes within all and every the said Fiefs and Seignories, shall be had and obtained on the payment of such capital, or sum of money, as the said cens et rentes, reckoned at the legal rate of interest, shall or may represent; that the said commutation of the droits de lods et ventes, upon or in respect of any lot, piece or parcel of land, in the said Fief and Seignory of the Island of Montreal, upon which there shall be buildings of the value of five hundred pounds currency and upwards, shall be had and obtained for, and during the first seven years which shall elapse after this present Ordinance shall come into force and effect in this Province, upon payment of not more than one-twentieth part of the value of such lot, piece, or parcel of land and buildings, and at any time at and after the expiration of seven years subsequent to this Ordinance so coming into force and effect, and before the expiration of fourteen years from the said time, upon payment of not more than one-eighteenth part of the value, of such lot, piece, or parcel of land and buildings, and at any time after the expiration of fourteen years from the said time, upon payment of not more than one-twelfth part of the value of such lot, piece,, or parcel of land and buildings; that the said com. mutation of the said droits de lods et ventes, upon or in respect of any lot, piece, or parcel of land, situated within the said City of Montreal, whereupon there may be buildings of which the value shall be less than five hundred, pounds, and. more than one hundred pounds currency, shall be had and obtained for, and during the said first period' above mentioned of seven years after the coining into force and effect of this. Ordinance, upon payment of not more than one sixteenth part of the value of such lot, piece, or parcel of land, and buildings, and at any time after the expiration of the said seven years, subsequent to the coming into force and effect of this Ordinance, and before the expiration of fourteen years from the said time, upon payment of not more than one-fourteenth part of the value of such lot, piece, or parcel of land and buildings, and at any time after the expiration of fourteen years from the said time, upon payment of not more than one-twelfth part of the value of such lot, piece, or parcel of land and buildings; that the said commutations of the said lods et ventes upon, for or in respect of any lot, piece, or parcel of land, situated without the said City of Montreal, in any of the said Fiefs and Seignories of the Island of Montreal, Lake of the Two Mountains, and Saint Sulpice, or for or in respect of any lot, piece, or parcel of land within the said City of Montreal, upon which there shall not be buildings of the value of one hundred pounds currency, shall be had and obtained for, and during the said first period of seven years after the coming into force

and effect of this Ordinance, upon payment of not more than one-twelfth part of the value thereof, and at any time after the expiration of this period of seven years subsequent to the coming into force and effect of this Ordinance and before the expiration of fourteen years from the said time, upon payment of not more than one-tenth part of the said value, and at any time after the expiration of fourteen years from the said time, on the payment of not more than one-eighth part of the value of such lot, piece, or parcel of land and buildings.

V. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all cases where the said Ecclesiastics of the said Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, their successors, and any of the said censitaires, or other person or persons, body politic or corporate, so requiring a commutation, release and extinguishment, in manner aforesaid, shall not by voluntary agreement, settle and determine the value of any such lots, pieces, or parcels of land and property, with reference to which the said price, consideration money and indemnity, according to the rates hereinbefore established, shall be reckoned, such value thereof shall be fixed, ascertained and determined by the award of Arbitrators, in manner following, that is to say: the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, shall, and may nominate, and in their default so to do, one of the Justices of the Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal, shall, and may on their behalf, nominate an Arbitrator, being an indifferent and disinterested person, and the said censitaire, person or persons, or body corporate or politic, respectively, shall and may nominate and appoint one other Arbitrator, being also an indifferent and disinterested person, and the said Court of King's Bench for the said District of Montreal, upon a petition or summary application to it, made in that behalf, shall, and may nominate one other Arbitrator, being also an indifferent and disinterested person, which said three Arbitrators, after having been previously sworn before any one of the Justices of the Court of King's Bench for the said District of Montreal, hereby authorized to administer such Oath, well, truly and honestly, to execute the trust and duty of Arbitrators as aforesaid, and after notice to the parties respectively, of the time and place of their meeting, shall proceed to fix, ascertain and determine the value of the lots, pieces, or parcels of land and property, in respect whereof such commutation, release and extinguishment shall be required; Provided always, that the costs and expenses of such arbitration, shall be borne by the parties in equal shares, and that the said arbitrament and award of the said Arbitrators, to be named and appointed as aforesaid, or of any two of them, in and respecting the premises, shall be final, and the same shall be duly returned into, fyled, and enrolled in the said Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal, and shall by such Court be duly confirmed.

VI. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that upon the rendering and confirmation of the said award, in the behalf, and in manner aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the censitaire, person or persons, or body corporate or politic, requiring such commutation, release, and extinguishment, of all Seigniorial and Feudal rights and burthens, as aforesaid, to pay or offer to pay to the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, as, and for the price, consideration money, and indemnity for the said commutation, release and extinguishment of all seigniorial and feudal rights and burthens, such part of the value of such piece or parcel of land and property, fixed and

determined by such award, as according to the rates mentioned in the fourth section of this present Ordinance, should be due and payable in that behalf, or to declare his, her or their option to the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, that the said price, consideration money and indemnity, provided the same shall amount to not less than one hundred pounds, shall be and remain upon, and shall charge and affect such lot, piece, parcel of land or property, at and for a redeemable quit rent, (a rente constitute et rachelable,) according to the laws of this Province; and that any option in the said behalf so made and declared, shall have the full effect in law, of charging and affecting such land or property, for such price, consideration money and indemnity, at a redeemable quit rent, (a rente constitute et rachetable) to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

VII. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the voluntary settlement and adjustment between the parties touching the said price, consideration money and indemnity, or from and after the payment or tender of payment to the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, of the said price, consideration money and indemnity, reckoned according to any such award in that behalf, or from and after a declaration signified to the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, by the said censitaires, person or persons, or body politic or corporate, of his, her, or their option, that such price, consideration money and indemnity, reckoned according to such award, shall be, and remain upon, and charge, and affect such lot, piece, or parcel of land, and property, at, and for a redeemable quit rent (a rente constitue et rachetable) in manner aforesaid, all, and every, the droits de cens et rentes, lods et rentes, droits de banalite de moulin, droit de retrait, and all other feudal and seigniorial rights whatever of the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, upon, for or in respect of the lot, piece, or parcel of land or property, as to and concerning which such commutation, release and extinguishment may be sought and required, shall be, and be held to be, taken, and considered for ever commuted, released and extinguished, and such lot, piece, or parcel of land shall be holden, and be deemed and considered as holden thenceforth for ever, by the tenure of franc aleu roturier, according to the laws of this Province, and shall never again be granted, surrendered or holden by any feudal tenure whatsoever; Provided always that nothing hereinbefore contained shall extend or be construed to extend, to the droit de banalite out of the limits of the City of Montreal, till the major part of the censitaires in each of the several fiefs and seignories aforesaid shall have commuted nor to discharge the lots, pieces, or parcels of land, the tenure whereof may be so converted into that of franc aleu roturier, from the rights, hypothecs, privileges and demands of the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, charged in and upon the same, for the security and recovery of the price, consideration money and indemnity, which, by reason of the adjustment with the censitaire or person who required such commutation, release, and extinguishment may remain as a charge and incumbrance of such land or property, at a redeemable quit rent, as aforesaid, or for the security and recovery of any arrears of seigniorial dues accrued before such commutation, release and extinguishment, may have been required, or in any wise to destroy, alter, or affect the remedies, and recourse at law,

which the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, might lawfully have had. or have taken for the recovery of the same, if such commutation, release and extinguishment had not been made and obtained, but that all and every the lawful rights, hypotheques, privileges, actions, demands, recourse, and remedies, in that behalf, of the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and of their successors, be, and the same are hereby saved and maintained.

VIII. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, shall refuse or neglect to make and execute to and in favour of any censitaire, or other person, or body corporate or politic, who shall in manner aforesaid, have paid or tendered payment to them, of the amount of the said price, consideration money and indemnity, according to any such award, made in due manner, or who shall have declared his, her, or their option to the said Ecclesiastics of the said Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors; that such amount should remain upon, and charge and affect the lot, piece, parcel of land and property, and for a redeemable quit rent, according to the provisions in that behalf hereinbefore contained, an instrument in writing before two Notaries, or a Notary and two witnesses, setting forth such commutation, release and extinguishment of all seigniorial and feudal rights, dues and burthens, and the terms and conditions thereof, according to law, and the respective rights of the parties, it shall and may be lawful to, and for such censitaire, person or persons, or body corporate or politic aforesaid, to implead the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, in the said Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal, for the purpose of compelling them to grant to the said censitaire, person or persons, or body corporate or politic aforesaid, such instrument in writing as aforesaid, setting forth such commutation, release and extinguishment, according to law, and the respective rights of the parties; and upon their default so to do, it shall be lawful .for the said Court of King's Bench, and they are hereby required, by their judgment in that behalf, to award and adjudge to such censitaire, person or persons, or body corporate or politic, the full benefit of such commutation, release and extinguishment, for, and in respect of such land or property, according to law, and the respective rights of the parties, with lawful costs of suit.

IX. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors shall not, for arrears of lods et ventes, accrued to them at the time of the coming into force and effect of this Ordinance, or hereafter to accrue and become due to them, according to law, for each mutation in the ownership of any lands and tenements situated within the said City of Montreal, and of which, and of the buildings erected thereon, the value shall be the sum of five hundred pounds currency, and upwards, demand, and exact more than one-twentieth part of the price and consideration for each sale, or conveyance of any such lands and tenements, nor shall they, for each and every mutation, in the ownership of any lands or tenements, situated in the censive of the said three fiefs and seigniories, and out of the limits of the said City of Montreal, exact or demand more than one-sixteenth part of the price and consideration of the sale and conveyance of such last mentioned lands and

tenements; nor shall they, for each and every mutation in ownership of any lands or tenements, situated within the limits of the said City of Montreal, of which, and of the buildings thereon erected, the value shall be less than five hundred pounds currency, exact or demand more than one-sixteenth part of the price or consideration for each sale or conveyance thereof; and further, that all any every such arrears of lods et ventes accrued at the time when the present Ordinance shall come into force and effect in this Province, according to the respective rates aforesaid, shall not be demandable from any person or persons, owing the same personally or hypothecarily, nor shall any such person or persons, indebted as aforesaid, to a greater amount than forty-one pounds, be compellable to pay the same to the said Ecclesiastics of of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, except within seven years from the day when this Ordinance shall so come into force and effect, in seven equal and annual instalments; Provided always, that in default of any person or persons to pay any such instalment or instalments after the same shall become due, and after three months notice, and a notarial demand, signified to him or them in that behalf, the whole of such arrears of lods et ventes, according to the rates aforesaid, or the remaining unpaid instalments thereof, shall become, and be immediately payable to and demandable by the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint. Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, from, and shall be paid to them by the person or persons who shall owe the same; Provided also that in case the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, shall, before the time when this Ordinance shall come into force, have been obliged, to make and fyle any opposition afin de conserver in any Court of Judicature in the said District of Montreal, with regard, to the lands or tenements, charged and encumbered with and for the payment of any such arrears, or to the proceeds of any judicial sale thereof, or to applications for judgments of confirmation of title of any such lands or tenements, then and in such case the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, shall be entitled to judgment for, and to receive, such part only of the price and consideration, for each, and every mutation in the ownership of such lands or tenements as is herein provided, according to the value and locality thereof; but the amount for which such judgment shall be rendered, shall be payable at the time when it would have been payable if this Ordinance had not been passed; Provided, however, that any judgment for any such arrears, which shall have been rendered before this Ordinance shall come into force, in favour of the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, may be executed, according to the tenor thereof, as if this Ordinance had not been passed.

X. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the lot, piece, or parcel of land called the Farm of Saint Gabriel, situated within the said Fief and Seigniori of the Island of Montreal, lying on the west side of the lower road to Lachine, containing about two hundred and seventy arpents, being one of the domain lands, farms, tenements, and hereditaments, secured and confirmed, to the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, by the second section of this Ordinance, shall, within the space of twenty years after the period when this Ordinance shall come into force or effect in the said Province, be by the said Ecclesiastics, alienated, and disposed of, in franc aleu roturier, for ever, in such parts and parcels, and for such prices, terms and considerations, as

to them may seem most meet and advantageous; and for the making of any such, alienations and conveyances, the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, are hereby fully and duly licenced and authorized; and that, if at the expiration of the said twenty years, the said Farm of Saint Gabriel or any parts or parcels thereof, shall yet remain not alienated or disposed of, then, and in that case, the said Farm of Saint Gabriel, or such parts or parcels thereof, as shall so remain not alienated or disposed of as aforesaid, shall, by the mere lapse of the said period of time, and by operation of Law, fall within the provisions of the Laws of Mortmain, and be forfeited to and be vested in Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, and be re-united to the Domain of the Crown for ever.

XI. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all and every the monies which may arise from the commutation release and extinguishment of the seigniorial rights and burthens, for and in respect, of lands, tenements and property within the Censive of the said three fiefs and seigniories, and all monies which shall be received and gotten in, by reason of the sale, alienation, or disposal of the said Farm of Saint Gabriel, or of any parts or parcels thereof, and which monies, as aforesaid, may be disposable, after the necessary expenditures for the uses and support of the said Institution shall have been provided for, shall, by the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, or their successors, be invested in the Public Stocks of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or of its Colonies or Dominions, or in the Chartered and Incorporated Bodies in the said Colonies and Dominions, and not otherwise: and that the rents, revenues, dividends and profits of the monies so invested, shall be had, taken, and received by the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, to be expended in and about the support and management of the said Institution, and in promoting its objects according to Law; Provided always, that out of the said monies which shall so arise, or shall be, as aforesaid, received, and gotten in and collected, it shall and may be lawful for the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, to apply and invest a sum of money, in the whole not exceeding the sum of thirty thousand pounds currency, in constitutions de rentes on immoveable property, or in the purchase of houses, lands and tenements, and immoveable property, situated within this Province, in order to create and produce income to the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors; Provided always, that in addition to, and over and above such real property, producing income, which the said Corporation are hereby authorized to purchase and hold, to the value of thirty thousand pounds, as aforesaid, and no more; they may likewise purchase and hold any other real property, houses, buildings, or tenements, destined for, and appropriated to purposes of religion, charity, or education, and producing no income, which may be necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the said Corporation was originally instituted and endowed.

XII. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be incumbent on the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, from time to time, when, and so often, as they shall be required so to do, to lay a summary statement of the estate, income, debts and expenditure of the said Seminary of

Saint Sulpice of Montreal, before the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province.

XIII. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of Saint Sulpice of Montreal, and their successors, as to temporal matters, shall continue and be subject to the same powers of visitation, as in the like cases were possessed and exercised by the Kings of France, before the conquest of this Province, and are now possessed and exercised in that behalf by Her Majesty, in right of Her Crown.

XIV. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this present Ordinance contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to destroy, diminish, or in any manner affect the rights and privileges of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, or of any person or persons, society or corporate body, excepting such only as this Ordinance may expressly and especially destroy, diminish or affect.

XV. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Ordinance shall be taken and deemed to be a Public Act and Ordinance, and as such shall be judicially taken notice of by all Judges, Justices of the Peace and all others whom it shall concern., without being specially pleaded.

XVI. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Ordinance shall have no force or effect, and shall not be taken and deemed to be in force and effect, unless, and until it shall be sanctioned and rendered perpetual by an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or by other Legislative authority, competent so to do.

J. COLBORNE.

Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, and passed in Special Council, under the Great Seal of the Province, at the Government House, in the City of Montreal, the Eighth day of April, in the second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

By His Excellency's Command,  
W. B. LINDSAY,  
Clerk Special Council.