

voluntarily withdrawn themselves from this Province into the United States of America, since the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, or who may hereafter during the present War, voluntarily withdraw themselves from this Province into the said United States, without licence, granted under the authority of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, shall be taken and considered to be Aliens born, and incapable of holding Lands within this Province.

Governor, &c. may authorise by commission under the Seal of the Province, any Sheriff, Coroner, or other person in the several Districts of this Province, to inquire of such persons by a jury, and also what lands they were seized of, and after such inquisition such lands shall revert to His Majesty.

Persons interested in the said lands may traverse such inquisition within one year after peace with America, or after finding of the said inquisition.

This act not to affect the claim of bona fide creditors, or defeat any just lien, or claim on such lands.  
(See 50th Geo. III. c. 12.)

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government, by Commission under the Great Seal of this Province to authorise any Sheriff, Coroner, or other person or persons in the several Districts of this Province, to enquire by the oath of twelve good and lawful men of their respective Districts, and by inquisition indented under the hands and Seals of the said Jurors, and of the said Commissioner or Commissioners, to return to His Majesty's Court of King's Bench all such persons as aforesaid, who, seized of Lands in the respective Districts, shall have voluntarily withdrawn from the Province into the United States of America since the said first day of July, and before the conclusion of the existing War with those States, without licence granted under the authority of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government, and from and after the said finding by such inquisition, His Majesty shall become seized of the Lands so found to have been in the Seisin of such person on the said first day of July. *Provided always,* That nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed to prevent any persons interested in the said Lands from traversing any inquisition or office respecting the same, at any time within one year after the Peace shall be established between His Majesty, and the United States of America, or within one year after the finding of such inquisition.

III. *Provided always,* That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to affect the claim of any bona fide creditor, or to defeat any just lien or security of, or upon any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments whatsoever.

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## C H A P. X.

An Act to grant to His Majesty an ADDITIONAL DUTY on SHOP and TAVERN LICENCES.

[Expired.—The Act of 56th Geo. III. c. 10, by which it was continued, having been repealed by 59th c. 2, s. 1.]