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57 George III – Chapter 26

An Act to render more certain the Lines and Boundaries of Lands and for the establishing and erecting of Meridian Stones in different parts of this Province. (22 March 1817.)

Whereas many of the lines and boundaries of Lands, and real estates in this Province, have been drawn and laid down from the magnetic courses, without any regard to the true meridian, which, from the perpetual change in the variation of the compass, may be the cause hereafter of numberless and vexatious suits, and the ruin of many individuals: And whereas the establishing and erecting of a certain number of Meridian Stones, from astronomical observations in various parts of the Province, will produce the most beneficial effects in regard to the said lines and boundaries; 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 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 it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the government of this Province for the time being, at any time within the period of three years, from and after the passing of this Act, to authorize and direct the Surveyor, or Deputy Surveyor-General of this Province, or all and every other persons whom the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or the person administering the Government for the time being, shall appoint for that purpose, to lay down Meridian Stones, from astronomical observations, in the most convenient situations in each of the towns, parishes, seigniories, and townships in this Province, herein after particularly named, in such manner and way as the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the government of this Province for the time being, shall be pleased to order and direct, and as to him may appear best adapted for the attainment of the purposes of this Act; one of which said Meridian Stones shall be laid down in each of the towns, parishes, seigniories, and townships following; that; is to say, at New Carlisle, in the inferior District of Gaspé; at Percé in the same inferior district; at the Parishes of Rimousky [Rimouski], River Du Loup [Rivière du Loup], and River Ouelle [Rivière Ouelle], in the county of Cornwallis; at the parishes of Saint Joachim and des Eboulements, in the county of Northumberland; at the parish of St. Thomas, in the county of Devon; at the parish of Saint Mary, Nouvelle Beauce, in the county of Dorchester; at the Parish of Lotbinière, and at Drummondville, in the county of Buckinghamshire; at the Parish of Déchambault, in the county of Hampshire; at the Parish of the Riviere du Loup, in the county of Saint Maurice; at the seigniorie of the Lake of the Two Mountains, in the county of York; at the Parish of L'Assomption, in the county of Leinster; at Beauharnois, in the county of Huntingdon; at the Parishes of Sorel and Saint Hyacinthe, in the county of Richelieu; at the town of Saint John, in the county of Huntingdon; at Saint Armand, in the county of Bedford; and in the townships of Stanstead, Shipton, and Halifax.

II. And be it further enacted, that the surveyors of lands in this Province, shall and may regulate their surveying instruments at any one of the said Meridian Stones, when so laid down as aforesaid, in the same manner as prescribed and directed in the ordinance passed in the twenty-fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An ordinance concerning Land-Surveyors, and the admeasurement of Lands." And the same shall be as effectual to all intents and purposes, as if the said surveying instruments had been regulated by the meridian lines which have been already drawn and marked at the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and the town of Three-Rivers [Trois-Rivières], under and by virtue of the said last mentioned ordinance.