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59 George III – Chapter 16

An Act to confirm and make valid certain proceedings of the Commissioners for the building and the repair of Churches, Parsonage Houses, and Church Yards. (24th April, 1819.)

Whereas divers Commissions have, from time to time, heretofore been issued under and by virtue of an Ordinance of the late Province of Quebec, passed in the thirty-first year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act or Ordinance concerning the building and repairing of Churches, Parsonage Houses, and Church Yards," by the Governors or persons administering the Government of this Province, appointing and constituting the persons in the said Commission, named to execute the trust by the said Ordinance vested in the Governors or Commanders in Chief for the time being; And whereas by reason of the determination from time to time, of the said Commissions, disputes and questions have arisen and may arise, as to the validity or legality of certain Acts or proceedings done or had by the said Commissioners, after the determination of their authority as aforesaid; Now for the removing and putting an end to such questions and disputes; Be it therefore declared and 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 all acts and proceedings whatsoever, had or done by or under the authority of the said Commissioners before the thirteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, in the execution bona fide of the authority and trust so as aforesaid reposed in them, shall be and shall be esteemed and taken, and in every Court of Law wherein question, shall arise concerning the validity of the same, shall be adjudged and declared to be as good, valid and effectual in Law to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if the said Commissions under which the said Commissioners shall respectively in such cases have acted, had been and shall remained in full force and virtue when the said acts and proceedings were respectively had and done, any objection for or by reasons of the cessation and determination of the powers so as aforesaid veiled in the said Commissioners to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this Act contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to avoid or annul any objection made to such acts or proceedings of the said Commissioners for or by reason of any insufficiency, irregularity, defect or matter of Law whatsoever, or in any manner or way to affect, change or alter any judgment or Judgments of any or either of His Majesty's Courts of Law in this Province, which may have been given touching or concerning the Commissions, Powers or Authorities of such Commissioners as aforesaid, or of any or either of them already made.