

Governor authorized to grant a licence to the Rev. Edward D. Very to solemnize Marriage on his complying with the provisions of the Act 4 W 4, c 46.

Act suspended till H. Majesty's approbation be declared.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That notwithstanding any thing in the provisions of an Act made and passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty William the Fourth, intituled *An Act to extend the privilege of solemnizing Marriage to all Ministers or Teachers of the several Religious Congregations in this Province*, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, shall have full power and authority, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to grant a licence to the Reverend Edward D. Very to solemnize Marriages in this Province, which shall have the like force and effect in all respects as if the said Edward D. Very had been a British born subject, any thing in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding; the said Edward D. Very complying with all the other provisions of the said recited Act.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not come into operation or be in force until Her Majesty's Royal approbation be thereunto had and declared.

[This Act was specially confirmed, ratified and finally enacted by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 29th day of June, 1849, and published and declared in the Province the 1st day of August, 1849.]

CAP. LXXIII.

An Act for the adjustment of claims of certain purchasers of Crown Lands.

Passed 14th April 1849.

Preamble.

WHEREAS between the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty two and one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, several tracts of vacant Crown Land in this Province were sold in parcels exceeding five hundred acres, to persons who made large payments on account of such purchases, but have not paid the balance due thereon: And Whereas it is highly desirable that a final settlement should be made with those several persons, upon just and equitable principles, and such relief should be granted to them respectively as their cases may appear to require;

Claims of quasi purchasers of Crown Lands between the years 1833 and 1838 to be examined on application, and grants of land to be issued to them in proportion to the money already paid.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That in all cases of sales of Crown Lands between the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty two and the thirty first day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, to individuals, (in parcels exceeding five hundred acres,) upon which one or more instalments have been paid, and where the lands so sold and purchased have since been relinquished by the purchaser or purchasers, or parties interested; and where any such purchaser or purchasers, his or their assigns or legal representatives, may apply by petition for a compensation in lands for the amount of instalments actually paid at the original price agreed on for the same, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, to direct an inquiry to be made of the claims of each and every such petitioner or petitioners; and if it shall be made to appear that any of the said parties petitioning have an equitable claim to consideration, by reason of the amount actually paid on such purchase, then and in such case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, to order and direct a Grant of Crown Lands to issue to such individual or individuals, of so many acres as the instalments so paid as aforesaid would amount to at the original price bidden for the lands by them originally purchased as aforesaid; all costs of survey of the lands so to be granted, and all other expenses, to be first paid

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paid by the party to whom such Grants are directed to be issued ; such survey to be made under the direction of the Surveyor General ; provided always, that such Grants shall be made of portions of the land originally purchased, where the same shall be vacant, and where any part of such lands are not vacant, then of such lands as may be selected by the individual to whom such Grant is intended to be made ; and provided also, that all allowances for timber cut off the said lands, or otherwise, be first deducted from the amount for which such Grant shall be made.

Grants to be of land originally intended to be purchased.

Allowance to be made for Timber cut.

II. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not be in force until Her Majesty's Royal approbation be thereunto had and declared.

Act suspended till H. Majesty's approbation be declared.

[This Act was specially confirmed, ratified and finally enacted by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 13th day of July, 1849, and published and declared in the Province the 8th day of August, 1849.]

CAP. LXXIV.

An Act further to facilitate the making of a Rail Road from Saint Andrews to Woodstock, with a Branch to Saint Stephen.

Passed 14th April 1849.

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable that further encouragement should be given to the Saint Andrews and Quebec Railway Company ;

Preamble.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That on the completion of a Rail Road from Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, to Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, with a Branch to Saint Stephen, in the said County of Charlotte, together with all the station houses, engines, carriages, cars, and other furniture necessary to put the same in good working condition, it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, at their own proper costs and charges, and under the supervision of the Surveyor General of the Province, to survey and lay out all the Crown Lands contiguous to and within five miles on each side of said Rail Road ; which said quantity of land the said Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, shall and he is hereby empowered to grant in fee simple to the said Company, free from any charge save and except the expense and survey as aforesaid ; provided always nevertheless, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent the Executive Government of this Province, if they shall see fit, from disposing of any of the land contiguous to the said contemplated line of Rail Road, for actual and immediate settlement, or of disposing of the timber and logs now growing and being thereon.

On completion of a Railway between specified points, and the procurement of the necessary cars, &c., the Company may survey and the Executive Government grant the Crown Lands contiguous to the line, to the extent of five miles on each side thereof.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice aforesaid, on satisfactory assurance, under oath of the President and Secretary of the said Company, that ten thousand pounds have been actually paid and expended in the construction of the said Rail Road, to grant to the said Company in fee simple a portion of the said tract of land, not exceeding ten thousand acres, and so in like manner from time to time to grant a like quantity of land for every additional ten thousand pounds so paid and expended on the said Rail Road as aforesaid ; provided further, that the whole quantity of land granted shall not exceed the quantity of Crown Lands contained in the above mentioned tract, anything herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Executive Government authorized to grant not exceeding 10,000 acres, on proof of the expenditure by the Company of £10,000, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be and continue in force for ten years from the passing thereof, and no longer.

Limitation of Act.

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