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**An Act to obviate the Objections that might arise from a clerical Error in some of his Majesty's Letters Patent of Grant lately issued.**

Whereas it appears that a clerical error hath crept into a few of the deeds given by our sovereign lord the King to some of his subjects, by the insertion of the word "clergyman" instead of the word "clergy" in that part of the letters patent that reserves a proportion of one seventh of the crown lands, for the lands in each of the deeds granted, which error might lead to consequences that it is necessary to obviate, 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 Upper-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of, and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled "An act to repeal certain parts of an act passed in the fourteenth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled "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 by the authority of the same, That wherever the word "clergyman" shall or may occur in any one of his Majesty's letters patent, the same shall be read, taken and understood to be, mean and signify "clergy," and shall have to all intents and purposes the same force and effect, tendency and operation towards establishing, securing and confirming the rights of the protenstant clergy of this province, in such a quantity of the lands of the crown as shall and may amount to, and be in the proportion of one to sever of the lands in any such deed granted, according to the form and effect of an act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, in the thirty-first year of his Majesty's reign, entitled "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 that every such deed shall be to all intents and purposes as valid and effectual in securing to the subject the lands thereby granted, and to his Majesty all the rights, conditions, reservations, limitations and restrictions, and to the said clergy the rights aforesaid, as if no such clerical error had crept into it; but as if such deed had been perfected in the word "clergy," where the rights of the church are intended to be secured, instead of the word "clergyman" wherever it occurs; any act, ordinance or law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.