

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada in North America*, passed in the year 1823.  
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4 George IV – Chapter 32

**An Act for the Relief of Matthew Crooks, Esq. Passed 19th March, 1823.**

Whereas by an Act of the Provincial Parliament, passed in the forty-eighth year of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, "*An Act for vesting in Commissioners the Estates of certain Traitors, and also the estates of persons declared aliens by an Act passed, in the fifty-fourth, year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, 'An Act to declare certain persons therein described Aliens, and to vest their estates in His Majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which His Majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon,'*" the estates in the lands of Lot No. Fourteen, in the Fifth Concession of the Township of Grantham, in the District of Niagara, now claimed by Matthew Crooks of Ancaster, has been rested in the Commissioners appointed under and by virtue of the said Act; and whereas the said Matthew Crooks has not been able in due time to traverse the inquisition, by virtue whereof the said lands became so forfeited; and it being desirable to afford him an opportunity of exhibiting his claim to the said lands, and trying the merits of such claim, 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 ranking 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 it shall and may be lawful for the said Matthew Crooks, or his heirs, at any time within six months from the passing of this Act, to traverse the said inquisition, so far as the same way affect any title of the said Matthew Crooks, or his heirs, to the parcel, tract, or lot of land, as aforesaid. Provided always that before any traverse to the said inquisition shall be received or filed in the office of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, the said Matthew Crooks, or his heirs, shall enter into a bond to His Majesty in the penalty of fifty pounds, conditioned for the payment of all such costs as His Majesty may be put unto, in or about the defending the said traverse, in case judgment should be given thereon for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, or the said Matthew Crooks shall fail in prosecuting the same with effect.