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**An Act to empower the Seigniors of the Fiefs Nazareth, St. Augustin and St Joseph, in the City and County of Montreal, to commute the Tenure of the Lands now held *en censive* in the said Fiefs, respectively. 9th December, 1843.**

Whereas it is expedient to empower the Seigniors [Seigneurs] of the Fiefs hereinafter mentioned, lying in the City and County of Montreal, to commute with their *Censitaires*, for the release and extinguishment of all Seigniorial rights, dues and burthens, whatsoever; Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for the Seignior or Seigniors of any of the Fiefs Nazareth, St. Augustin, and St. Joseph, in the City and County of Montreal, respectively, to commute with any person or persons, body or bodies politic or corporate, or other party or parties whom soever, who now hold or hereafter may hold any real or immoveable property *à titre de cens* or *en roture*, for the release and extinguishment of all *droits de lods et ventes, cons et rentes*, and other Seigniorial burthens whatsoever, to which such real or immoveable property may be liable, for such consideration and indemnity as by such Seignior or Seigniors and the party desirous of obtaining such Commutation shall be mutually settled and agreed upon; and from and after the voluntary settlement and adjustment of the terms of such Commutation and the passing of a Notarial Instrument for effecting the Commutation so agreed upon, all and every the *droits de cens et rentes, lods et ventes, droit de retrait*, and all other Seigniorial rights, dues and burthens whatsoever, on the real or immoveable property to which such Commutation shall relate shall be forever commuted, released and extinguished, and such real or immoveable property shall be thenceforth holden forever by the Tenure of *Franc Aleu Roturier*, according to the Laws of Lower Canada, and shall never again be granted, conceded or holden by any Seigniorial or Feudal Tenure whatsoever: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt the Seignior or Seigniors of any of the said Fiefs, from the operation of any general law which may be hereafter passed for effecting a general commutation of Seigniorial Tenure throughout Lower Canada.