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**An Act to incorporate the *College Masson* at Terrebonne. Assented to 18th December, 1854.**

Whereas there is now and hath been for some years past, in the Parish of St. Louis de Terrebonne, in the County of Terrebonne, an Educational Institution, known by the name of the *College Masson*, at which a very large number of young persons have received a course of instruction, fitting them for commercial, agricultural and industrial pursuits; And whereas the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal, and the Superior, Director, Procurator and Professors of the said Institution, together with a number of the Inhabitants of the said Parish and County, have represented that the laudable objects of the said Institution would be much better effected if it were incorporated, with the powers hereinafter mentioned, and have prayed for such incorporation; And whereas in consideration of the great public benefit to be derived from the said Institution, it is expedient to grant the prayer of their Petition: 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, and 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, as follows:

I. There shall be, and is hereby constituted, in the said Parish of St. Louis de Terrebonne, a body politic and corporate in deed and in name, which shall be called and known by the name of the *College Masson*, and shall be composed and consist of the Superior, Director and Procurator of the said College, for the time being, the Rector (Curé) of the said Parish of St. Louis de Terrebonne, for the time being, and of one of the Professors of the said College, for the time being, who shall be chosen by the Members above mentioned; and the said Corporation shall by the name aforesaid of the *College Masson* have perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall have power, from time to time, to alter, renew, or change such common seal at their pleasure, and shall, by the same name, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be able and capable to purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, and to have, take and receive, to them and their successors, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, any moveable or immoveable property, provided that the revenue arising from any lands and tenements situate in this Province, other than the land on which the buildings of the said College are erected, shall not exceed the annual sum of One Thousand Pounds, currency; and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of, and to purchase others in their stead for the same purpose, and by the said name shall and may be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all courts of law and places whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner as any other body politic or corporate, or as any person able or capable in law may or can sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any matter whatsoever; and any majority of the Members of the Corporation, for the time being, shall have power and authority to make and establish such By-laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, not being contrary to this Act nor

to the laws of this Province, as shall be deemed useful or necessary for the interests of the said Corporation, and for the management thereof, and for the admission of Members into the said Corporation, and from time to time, to alter, repeal and change the said By-laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, or any of them; and shall and may do, execute and perform all and singular other the matters and things relating to the said Corporation and the management thereof, or which shall or may appertain thereto; subject, nevertheless, to the Rules, Regulations and provisions hereinafter prescribed and established; Provided that the rents, revenues, issues and profits of all property, real or personal, held by the said Corporation, shall be appropriated and applied solely to the construction and repair of the buildings requisite for the purposes of the said Corporation, and to the advancement of education by the instruction of youth, and the payment of the expenses to be incurred for objects legitimately connected with or depending on the purposes aforesaid.

II. All and every the estate and property, real and personal, belonging to, or hereafter to be acquired by the Members of the said Institution as such, and all debts, claims and rights whatsoever, due to them in that quality, shall be and are hereby vested in the Corporation hereby established; and the said Corporation shall be charged with the payment of all the existing debts of the said College.

III. It shall be the duty of the said Corporation to lay before the Governor, whenever they shall be required so to do, a detailed statement of the number of Members of the said Corporation, the number of Teachers employed in the various branches of instruction, the number of Scholars under instruction, and the course of instruction pursued, and of the real or immoveable property or estate held by virtue of the present Act, and of the revenue arising therefrom.

IV. This Act shall be deemed to be a Public Act.