

as regards the said districts of not less than forty acres each respectively, and the said marshes around Bay Verte aforesaid, the same as if such provisions had been made parcel of this Act.

CAP. LIII.

An Act to authorize and empower the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Westmorland to sell and convey certain School Lands in the Parish of Sackville, and re-invest the proceeds in other Lands more advantageous to the inhabitants of the said Parish.

Section.

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1. Sale of School lot in Sackville authorized.
2. Proceeds to be invested in other freehold property.

Passed 12th April 1855.

WHEREAS certain School Lands in the Parish of Sackville, in the County of Westmorland, are not productive: And whereas it is deemed advisable to sell and dispose of such Lands, and invest the proceeds arising therefrom in other Lands more advantageous to the inhabitants of the said Parish;—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. That the Justices of the Peace for the County of Westmorland, in General or Special Sessions, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell by public auction, the School Lands in the Parish of Sackville, in said County, or such portion or portions thereof as they may deem meet, and to make good and sufficient deeds of conveyance of the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof in fee simple.

2. The amounts arising from such sale or sales shall be re-invested by the said Justices of the Peace for the County of Westmorland in the purchase of other freehold property in the Parish of Sackville aforesaid, more convenient and advantageous for the inhabitants of the said Parish, for the exclusive use, benefit, and advantage of the inhabitants thereof, for School purposes.

CAP. LIV.

An Act to settle and secure the title to certain Lands in the County of Kent.

Preamble recites grant of land to Jean Baptiste Richard; and certain Reports and Schedules of division or ownership.

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1. Report, Schedule, and Plan to be recorded in Provincial Secretary's Office
2. Title vested in the persons named in the Schedule.
3. Certified copy of the record to be evidence.
4. Certified copy to be registered in the County of Kent, and Plan and Report filed for reference.

Passed 12th April 1855.

WHEREAS by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Province of New Brunswick, dated the sixth day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, certain lands now in the County of Kent were granted to Jean Baptiste Richard and others, as joint tenants: And whereas the occupiers of the said lands, representing themselves to be the owners thereof, during the Session of 1853 applied by Petition to the House of Assembly for an Act to settle their several titles, which Petition was referred to a Select Committee of the said House, who made a Report, of which the following is a copy, that is to say:—

“The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Davids, Joseph Jean D'Aigle, Raphael Richard, and forty nine others, French inhabitants residing on the north side of the Richibucto River and Harbour, in the County of Kent,

setting forth that in the month of June 1791, Baptist Richard, Thomas Babin, Lewis Richard, and several others, natives of Canada, the ancestors of the Petitioners, and the original proprietors of the lands on which they now live, petitioned the then Lieutenant Governor to grant them lots on the Richibucto River, and to order the same to be laid out for them; that in the month of October 1791, it was ordered in Council that such application should be complied with, the lands to be surveyed at the expense of the applicants; that a survey was made of the out-boundings in question, as Petitioners were informed and believed, and accordingly on the sixth day of December 1793, a grant, including lands to other parties, issued of the lands in question to the applicants and others, their heirs and assigns, being the persons through whom the Petitioners now claim the same, containing eight thousand eight hundred acres, more or less, situate, lying, and being adjoining the Harbour and River of Richibucto, on the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, abutted, bounded, and described as in the first tract named in the extract of the original grant, and a copy of the original plan in the Crown Land Office more fully appears; that the grant so issued, as it was afterwards discovered by the grantees, gave no distinct allotments by plan or otherwise to the applicants in severalty or portions, by mete bounds or portions, to enable the respective owners to lay off their lands by the aid of a Surveyor or otherwise, as is usual in such cases, and the original parties entered thereon, occupied, and died, without any division lines of their respective rights ever having been made between them; that there are now several families on the said tract, consisting of several hundred persons, with no distinct allotment, especially of the wilderness land; that the Petitioners are placed in a most embarrassed situation, having no allotment which each individual or family can call its own, and whereon to make improvements, nor capable of resorting to the ordinary legal remedies where wrongs are committed upon them, to which they are constantly exposed; that the Petitioners are consequently suffering great injury, arising from the extraordinary character of the grant referred to, and praying that their unfortunate situation may be taken into consideration, and some provision made for dividing the lands and remedying the grievances therein complained of, report—That they have taken the circumstances of the case into their consideration, and recommend that the government should appoint, during the ensuing Summer, a competent person to investigate the matters set forth in such Petition, and the situation of the land and parties living thereon, and report for the information of this House at the next Session, and that the Government pay his necessary expenses, and this House will make provision for the same, and that the House do address His Excellency to carry out this Report.

Respectfully submitted.

R. B. CUTLER,
REUBEN STILES.

Committee Room, 27th April, 1853.”

In pursuance of which Report the said House voted an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, of which the following is a copy, that is to say:—

“Resolved, That a copy of the Report of the Committee on the Petition of John Davids and others, French inhabitants at Richibucto, as regards the defining of the bounds of an ancient grant under which they hold their titles, be communicated to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that an