

tic acquittance and discharge of such hypothec or gives security.

19. The second paragraph of the third section of chapter nineteen of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada shall not apply to the parcels of land or immovables or part thereof purchased or acquired under the present act, the provisions of which shall avail as if the said second paragraph were repealed.

FORM A.

"I, _____ having been appointed commissioner Form of oath.
"under the provisions of the (*cite the Act*) do swear that
"I will faithfully, impartially, honestly, and diligently
"execute all the duties of the said office according to the
"best of my judgment and ability. So help me God."

C A P . L X X I I I .

An Act to explain the seventh section of the act twelfth Victoria, chapter one hundred and thirty-six, respecting the incorporation of the Roman Catholic Bishops of this Province.

[Assented to 5th April, 1869.]

WHEREAS in and by the act twelfth Victoria, chapter Preamble.
one hundred and thirty-six, the roman catholic archbishop of Quebec, the roman catholic bishop of Montreal and the roman catholic bishop of Bytown were incorporated with certain powers and under certain restrictions, and whereas it was the intention of the said act, in and by the seventh section thereof, to provide for the incorporation of the roman catholic archbishops or bishops of dioceses which might be thereafter formed; whereas on the faith of the said act the roman catholic bishops of the dioceses of St. Hyacinthe, Three-Rivers and St. Germain de Rimouski have, actually and *bonâ fide*, assumed and exercised and still exercise corporate powers similar to those conferred upon the said dioceses of Quebec, Montreal and Bytown, and whereas doubts have arisen respecting the legality of such corporations, and it is expedient to remove such doubts, to declare the legality of such corporations, and to provide more clearly for the incorporation of the archbishops or bishops of dioceses which may hereafter be constituted; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, declares and enacts as follows:

Sec. 7 of 12
V., c. 136 to
apply to R. C.
Bishops of St.
Hyacinth,
Three Rivers
and Rimouski.

1. According to the true, meaning and intent of section seven, of the act twelfth Victoria, chapter one hundred and thirty-six, each of the roman catholic bishops of the dioceses of St. Hyacinthe, Three-Rivers and St. Germain de Rimouski, from the time of his appointment as bishop, has constituted and still constitutes a civil and legal corporation possessing all the powers and duties, and subject to the same restrictions and limitations as those conferred and imposed upon the said archbishop of Quebec, and the bishops of Montreal and Bytown, and has exercised, and still exercises, the powers of such corporation, under the name of the roman catholic episcopal corporation of the dioceses of St. Hyacinthe, Three-Rivers, or St. Germain de Rimouski, as the case may be, and all the acts which they have done or which they may hereafter do, respectively, as such corporation, are and shall be effectual in law, for all purposes whatsoever.

Said section
to be inter-
preted as if it
read as fol-
lows :

2. The seventh section of the act twelfth Victoria, chapter one hundred and thirty-six, has, and has always had, the same sense, meaning and effect in law as if it had been and was in the following terms :

"And be it enacted, that whenever it is deemed expedient to erect canonically any roman catholic diocese in Lower Canada, the archbishop or bishop of such new diocese and his successors shall each of them be and constitute by and through such canonical erection, and by and through his appointment as bishop, a distinct and separate corporation in their several dioceses, in fact and in name, under the name of "The roman catholic archiepiscopal (or episcopal) (*as the case may be*) corporation of (*mentioning the name of the diocese,*)" and shall have the same rights, powers and privileges, and shall be subject to the same restrictions and limitations, as those which are conferred or imposed by this act upon the said archbishop of Quebec and the bishops of Montreal and Bytown respectively."

Pending suits
not affected.

3. This act shall not affect any suit pending, nor any action or proceeding begun, nor any judgment rendered in any court of justice in this province.

C A P . L X X I V .

An Act to explain the act sixteenth Victoria, chapter 263, intituled : "An Act to incorporate the Ecclesiastical Society of St. Michel."

[Assented to 5th April, 1869.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the act sixteenth Victoria, chapter two hundred and sixty-three which constitutes the

