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"An Act for the protection of the interests of certain Bodies of Indians in this Province."

Whereas there are certain Tribes or Bodies of Indians within this Province on whose behalf Trustees have with the knowledge and approbation of the Government been from time to time appointed for receiving and paying over to the use of the Said Indians Sums of money due to them for portions of their lands Sold by them to Individuals with the assent of the Government - and Whereas the Said Indians not being entitled to Sue in a corporate capacity and it being expedient for their protection and welfare as well to afford legal remedy against their Trustee or Trustees as to authorize the removal of any Trustee or Trustees and the Substituting of others and also to provide for enabling His Majesty in their behalf and for their benefit to recover monies that may be outstanding and due to Such Indians or any Tribe collectively either from the purchaser to purchasers of any portion of their lands or from any person who may have received to their use with or without proper authority any Sum of money being on account of the consideration for any lands So Sold or transferred for their benefit, 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 making more effectual provisions for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America and to make further provisions for the Government of the Said Province and by the authority of the Same that it Shall and may be lawful for any Tribe or Body of Indians for for any number of Such Tribes or Bodies of Indians in whose behalf and for whose benefit a Trustee or Trustees have at any time been appointed either by themselves according to their usages inconcurrence with the Government or otherwise or by the Executive Government of this Province Solely, if any have been So appointed to remove Such Trustee or Trustees and to Substitute another Trustee or other Trustees in his or their place which newly appointed Trustee or Trustees Shall have the Same powers and authorities as the Trustee or Trustees who may be So removed -

II And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that any removal or appointment of Trustees as hereinbefore mentioned Shall be by the Act of Such Indians in their Council openly held according to the usual manner of transacting their affairs in their negotiations with the Government and that no Such act of removal or appointment Shall be effectual until it has been confirmed and allowed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province.

III And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that it Shall and may be lawful for the Governor Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province by and with the advice of the Executive Council to remove any Trustee that hath been or hereafter may be appointed to act in behalf of any Nation or Tribe or

Nations or Tribes of Indians in this Province upon its appearing to them that Such Trustee hath not properly conducted himself in the Trust or is not in a Situation to execute the Same.

IV And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that upon its being made appear to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province that it is expedient that any Trustee or Trustees Agent or Agents for any Tribe or Body or Tribes or Bodies of Indians or his or their representatives Should be compelled to pay over all the Monies in his or their hands or under his or their controul or for which he or they ought to account and also when the Governor Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province Shall deem it necessary to compel the payment of any Debt due to any Tribe or Tribes Body or Bodies of Indians on account of Sales of lands made by them or for their benefit Such monies or debts may be recovered in the name of the King as in the case of monies received for His Majesty by any Public accountant or as due to His Majesty upon Sale of lands of the Crown according to the circumstances of the case and the monies when recovered Shall be distributed among the Indians entitled thereto in Such manner as the Governor Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province Shall find it just to direct - Provided always nevertheless that nothing herein contained Shall extend to give to the Crown by reason of the action being in the name of the King any right of priority in payments or any advantage in respect to the asserts of any deceased Trustee which would operate o the prejudice of other Creditors. -

Signed,

Legislative Council Chamber )

Jno. B. Robinson

Seventeenth day of February 1830)

Speaker

A true Copy

Signed, Grant Powell

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A true Copy

John Beikie

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