



AN ACT

To Cure Defects in Titles to Real Estate in Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, held by or derived through Aliens.

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WHEREAS, Aliens have purchased Real Estate in this Colony to a considerable extent from the Grantees of the Crown ;

And whereas, it is expedient to remove any doubts as to the Title of Aliens to Real Estate which they now hold, and as to the Title of British subjects to Real Estate derived through Aliens ;

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor on behalf of Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, as follows :

Titles derived through Aliens before this Act not on that account invalid.

I. No person, whether an Alien or a born or naturalized British subject, shall be disturbed in the possession or precluded from the recovery of any lands, tenements or hereditaments in this Colony, on the ground that he himself or any person through whom he derived his title before the passage of this Act, was an Alien.

Provided that no actual Possession or Sale shall be affected thereby.

II. Provided nevertheless, that no actual possession taken, sale made, or action or suit or proceeding instituted previous to the passage of this Act, shall be affected hereby, but shall be and remain as though this Act had not been passed.

Short Title.

III. This Act may be cited as "An Act for the Confirmation of the Titles of Aliens to Real Estate, 1861."

Passed the House of Assembly 6th September, 1861. Council amendments agreed to 23d October, 1861.

E. BOWERS DOGGETT,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Passed the Council the 11th day of October, 1861.

JOSEPH PORTER,
Acting Clerk of the Council.

Received my assent this 14th day of November, A. D. 1861.

JAMES DOUGLAS.