

C H A P. X.

An Act to authorise the enquiry and trial of CRIMES and OFFENCES committed within this Province, without the limits of any described Township or County, to be had in any District thereof.

[*Passed 27th November, 1818.*]

WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the better division of this Province," large tracts of country are comprehended in the several Districts of this Province, which are not within the limits of any Township or County therein, And whereas, Crimes and Offences have been committed, and may hereafter be committed, in such tracts of country, which it might be inconvenient to try in the particular District wherein the same may have been committed, 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, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,'" and by the authority of the same, That all Crimes and Offences, committed in any of the said tracts of country or parts of this Province, not being within the limits of any described County or Township, may be enquired of and tried within any District of this Province, and may and shall be laid and charged to have been committed within the jurisdiction of the Court which shall try the same, and such Court may and shall proceed thereon to trial, judgment and execution, or other punishment for such Crime or Offence, in the same manner, as if such Crime or Offence had been really committed within the District where such trial may be had, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. *Provided always,* That when and so soon as any new County or Counties, Town or Township shall be laid out, described and established in any of the tracts of Country aforesaid, and shall be so declared by Law or by Proclamation, under the hand and seal of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Executive Council, all Crimes and Offences committed within the limits of any such new County or Counties, Township or Townships, shall be enquired of and tried, in the District or Districts wherein such new County or Counties, Township or Townships, shall be respectively comprehended, in like manner as such Crimes or Offences would have been enquired of and tried, if this present Act had not been made or passed.

Preamble.

38th Geo. III. c 5 recited.

Hereafter offences committed in unorganized parts of this Province may be tried in any District thereof.

When such unorganized parts of the Province shall be formed into townships, the provisions of this Act shall not apply to them.

(See 32d Geo. III. c 8, and 56th, c 2 & 20.)