

The Provincial Statutes of Lower-Canada, Being the Second session of the Third Provincial Parliament of Lower-Canada. Quebec: P. E. Desbarats, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1802.

42 George III – Chapter 11

An Act to empower the Justices of the Peace, to make, for a limited time, Rules and Regulations for the government of Apprentices and others. (5th April, 1802.)

Whereas the Laws in force in this Province have hitherto been found insufficient, to regulate, rule and govern Apprentices, Domesticks, hired Servants and Journeymen, And Whereas great inconveniencies and disadvantages result to the Community, Agriculture, Commerce and Tradesmen of all descriptions, from the inefficacy of the said Laws; 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 Lower 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 it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace, and they are hereby authorised in the Terms of the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held in the Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers [Trois-Rivières], respectively, to make Rules and Regulations to restrain rule and govern the said Apprentices, Domesticks, hired Servants and Journeymen, and also to make Rules and Regulations for the conduct of Masters and Mistresses, towards their said Apprentices, hired Servants and Journeymen, which said Rules and Regulations shall not have force and effect, until they shall have been approved of by the Courts of King's Bench, for the Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers, respectively. Provided always, that nothing herein contained, shall be understood to give power or authority to the said Justices of the Peace, in virtue of the Rules and Regulations which they are hereby authorised to make, as aforesaid, to inflict upon the said Apprentices, Domesticks, hired Servants or Journeymen, for any Breach or contravention by them committed, against the said Rules and Regulations, a greater Fine than Ten Pounds current money of this Province, or Two Months imprisonment or confinement, in the Houses of Correction, in the respective Districts aforesaid. And Provided also, that the said Rules and Regulations, shall be subject to the same Formalities, Rules and Provisions, as are prescribed by the Act intituled, "An Act to provide for the more effectual Regulation of the Police within the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, and the Town of Three Rivers; also for extending Regulations of Police to other Towns and Villages, in certain cases, and for repealing the Acts or Ordinances therein mentioned."

II. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that this Act and the Rules and Regulations made under the authority thereof, shall continue and be in force, until the first

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day of January, one thousand eight hundred and three, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.