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**An Act for the more easy administration of Oaths to Witnesses before the Grand Jury. (2d May, 1804.)**

Whereas it will contribute to the dispatch of business in Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction, that Oaths to Witnesses before the Grand Jury should be administered without recurring to the Court for that purpose: 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 of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful in all Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction to and for the Foreman of the Grand Jury, and he is hereby empowered and required to administer in the presence of the Grand Jury the usual Oath to such persons as shall appear as Witnesses before the Grand Jury, and such Oath so administered shall be as valid and binding in Law, as if the same had been administered by the Court, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.