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3 George IV – Chapter 9

An Act to amend an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, George the Third, intituled, “An Act for the division of the Province of Lower-Canada, to amend the Judicature thereof and to repeal certain Laws therein-mentioned, inasmuch as the same relates to the Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction.” (22d. March, 1823.)

Whereas it is expedient to alter and amend for a limited time, certain parts of an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, “An Act for the division of the Province of Lower-Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof and for repealing certain Laws therein-mentioned”; 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 be lawful to and for any two of the Puisne Justices of the Courts of King's Bench in either of the Districts of Quebec or Montreal, to hold in their respective Districts within the Terms by Law appointed, Courts of King's Bench, for the cognizance of crimes and criminal offences, in as full, and ample manner to all intents and purposes, as if His Majesty's Chief Justice of the Province or the Chief justice of the Court of King's Bench, at Montreal, were personally present, and presiding thereat, any Law, Statute or usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

II. And whereas the Terms of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the cognizance of crimes and criminal offences in the District of Montreal, are found by experience, to be insufficient to enable the said Court to dispatch the business depending before it; Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said terms of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the cognizance of crimes and criminal offences in the said District, shall hereafter respectively be held at Montreal, during the last five days of the month of February, and during the last five days of the month of August, in addition to the Terms now by law established and appointed to be there held.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be and remain in force until the first day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and no longer.