

Acts of the General Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of New-Brunswick passed in the year 1859. Fredericton, NB: John Simpson, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, 1859.

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An Act relating to the Law of Evidence. Passed 13th April 1859.

Questions as to construction of Foreign or British Colonial Statutes, how to be dealt with.

Be it enacted and declared by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, —
When upon the trial of any cause, civil or criminal, any question shall arise upon the true meaning or construction of any Statute, Act, or Ordinance of any Foreign State or Government, or of the Legislature of any British Colony, Island, or Possession, it shall not be deemed misdirection in the Judge, before whom such trial may be pending, to express his opinion to the Jury upon such meaning or construction in its bearing upon or application to the issue or matter before him for trial, but a Bill of Exceptions may be tendered to the Judge, to be by him sealed as in other cases, or the Court may review and deal with the matter in like manner as if the question had arisen under an Act of the General Assembly of this Province; provided always, that no evidence in relation to the construction or meaning of any Foreign or Colonial Law, which would be admissible before the passing of this Act, shall be excluded by reason hereof.