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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. XIII.

An Act for the better Administration of Justice in the General Sessions of the Peace for Gaspé, and for preventing charges upon the Treasury of the Province for unnecessarily summoning Jurors thereto.

[18th May, 1846.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to restrain, in so far as it may consist with the due administration of justice, the expenses incurred in summoning Jurors to the several Courts of General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Gaspé, and to exempt the inhabitants, unless in cases of necessity, or where there may be business of urgency requiring their attendance, from the loss of time, inconvenience and trouble of attending as Jurors thereat: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That no precept shall issue for summoning Grand or Petit Jurors to any General Sessions of the Peace in the District of Gaspé, nor shall any such General Sessions be held unless, in addition to the signatures of some three Justices of the Peace to such precept, the same is also signed by the District Judge residing in the County where the Sessions are to be held; nor shall the Sheriff execute, nor cause to be executed, or be held to obey any precept to him addressed by any three or more Justices, unless as a voucher for the urgency or expediency of summoning Jurors to attend such General Sessions, the signature of such District Judge appear upon the precept to him addressed; and whenever any precept so signed shall be addressed to the said Sheriff, it shall, as provided in the like case by the Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to establish the District of Gaspé, and to provide for the due administration of Justice therein*, be in like manner the duty of the Sheriff of the District of Gaspé to cause such precept to be executed with all possible despatch, and at as little expense as possible to the Province for mileage or other incidental charges.

Preamble.

Precept for summoning Jurors must be countersigned by the District Judge as a voucher for the necessity of its issuing.

As little expense as possible to be incurred.

Act 7 Vict. c. 17. cited.

District
Judges to
preside.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the District Judges, respectively, in the said District of Gaspé, to preside at the several General Sessions of the Peace in their respective Counties, when it may not interfere with their other judicial duties in the Circuit Courts or Court of Queen's Bench therein, and in case of his illness, or unavoidable absence of such Judge, the Senior Justice of the Peace present shall preside.

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