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**An Act to establish Trials by Jury.**

Whereas the trial by jury has been long established and approved in our mother country, and is one of the chief benefits to be attained by a free constitution; 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 Upper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the parliament of Great-Britain, entitled, an Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of his majesty's reign, entitled, "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 by the authority of the same, That from and After the first day of December, in this present year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, all and every issue and issues of fact, which shall be joined in any action, real, personal or mixed, and brought in any of his majesty's courts of justice within the Province aforesaid, shall be tried and determined by the unanimous verdict of twelve jurors, duly sworn for the trial of such issue or issues, which jurors shall be summoned and taken, conformably to the law and custom of England.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall prevent, or be confirmed to prevent the said jurors, in all cases where they shall be so minded, from bringing in a special verdict.