

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada, passed in the year 1832. York: Robert Stanton, 1832.

2 William IV – Chapter 2

An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction over Offences committed upon the Lakes and Rivers in this Province. Passed 23rd December, 1831.

Whereas in the several Statutes passed for the division of this Province into Counties and Districts, express provision has not been made respecting the Navigation and other Waters lying within the limits of this Province, but not included within the boundaries of any Surveyed Township, and doubts may therefore arise respecting the Jurisdiction over offences committed upon such Waters, and it is expedient to remove such doubts:—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 the Lakes, Rivers, and other Waters of this Province which are not comprehended within the defined limits of any Town, Township or County, shall and may be taken to be, and are hereby declared to be parts of that District respectively, within the exterior side lines of which any such Lake, River, or other Water would lie and be, if such exterior side lines were produced in that direction to the utmost limits of this Province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all crimes and offences committed in or upon any of the said Waters, may be enquired of and tried within any District lying adjacent to such Waters, and shall and may be laid and charged to have been committed within the Jurisdiction of the Court which shall try the same, and such Court shall and may proceed thereon to Trial, Judgment and Execution, or other punishment for such crime or offence, in the same manner as if such crime or offence had been really committed within the District where such trial may be had, any Law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.