

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada*, passed in the year 1837. York: Robert Stanton, 1837.

7 William IV – Chapter 38

**An Act to authorise His Majesty's Justices, under certain provisions therein mentioned, to hold Courts of Oyer and Terminer, Assize and Nisi Prius, and General Gaol Delivery, in the Ottawa District. Passed 4th March, 1837.**

Whereas from the increase of the Population and business of the District of Ottawa, it has become expedient that the Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, should, under certain provisions herein mentioned, be held in the said District, and that the said District shall enjoy all the privileges possessed by the other Districts of this Province: 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 passing of this Act, the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth Clauses of a certain Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the fifty-sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, "*An Act to repeal part of an Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, 'An Act for the better division of this Province, and more effectually to provide for the administration of Justice, by constituting the Counties of Prescott and Russell, under certain modifications, a separate District,*" be and the same are hereby repealed: Provided always, nevertheless, that the expense of maintenance of any Prisoner or Prisoners, which before the passing of this Act has been conveyed from the District of Ottawa to the Eastern District, pursuant to the provisions of said Act, shall be borne by the District of Ottawa.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, Assize and Nisi Prius, and General Gaol Delivery, and every Court and Jurisdiction whatsoever, held or to be held, enjoyed and possessed, in and by the other Districts of this Province, shall from henceforth, with the like power and authorities, be held, possessed and enjoyed, in and by the said District of Ottawa, and shall have the same power and authority to hear and determine all causes, whether criminal or civil, as such Courts have or may have in other Districts of this Province; and that all and every Jurisdiction, Regulation, Rule, Privilege, Exemption, matter or thing, which hath or have been enacted, provided and declared, by any Act or Acts of the Parliament of this Province, made or to be made, touching or concerning the said other Districts, shall be and are hereby extended to that District.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Courts shall be holden at the Court-house of the said District, in the Village of L'Original [L'Orignal], in the Township of Longueuil.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this Act shall not take effect, until provision shall be made by Law for increasing the number of Judges in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, in this Province, and for defraying such contingent charges of the Circuits, in respect to the said District of Ottawa, as were accustomed to be paid before the surrender by the Crown of the Duties levied under a certain Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the fourteenth year of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, "*An Act to establish a fund towards further defraying the charges of the administration of Justice, and support of the Civil Government within the Province of Quebec, in America.*"