

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1851. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1852.

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**An Act to amend the Act providing for the Summary Decision of Small Causes in Lower Canada.  
10th November, 1852.**

Whereas experience hath shewn the necessity of introducing certain alterations in the provisions of an Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to provide for the Summary Trial of Small Causes in Lower Canada*; 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, and 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 on a petition signed by an absolute majority of the inhabitants of a Parish, Seignior or Township in Lower Canada, in which there now is, or in which there may then be a Court for the trial of Small Causes, and who are entitled to vote at the election of Municipal Councillors, which petition shall have annexed to it a Certificate of at least three persons residing in such Parish, Seignior or Township, (and who shall be respectively either Justices of the Peace or Officers of Militia holding rank higher than an Ensign,) certifying that the persons signing the petition do really form an absolute majority of the Municipal Electors residing in such Parish, Seignior or Township, the said petition praying that the Commissioners' Court in the said Parish, Seignior or Township maybe suspended or discontinued, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to suspend or discontinue it; Provided always, that after the passing of this present Act no Commissioners' Court shall be, established or re-established, unless on a petition signed by an absolute majority of the Municipal Electors of a Parish, Seignior or Township in Lower Canada, and certified as aforesaid.