

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

16 Victoria – Chapter 197

**An Act further to amend the Laws relating to the Summoning of Jurors in Lower Canada.
Assented to 14th June, 1853.**

Whereas great inconvenience has been experienced in the administration of Justice in Lower Canada, from the want of a sufficient number of Petit Jurors attending the several Courts having criminal jurisdiction, and it is necessary for the purpose of securing the attendance of larger numbers, to reduce the qualification of Petit Jurors: 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 the eighth Section of the Act passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered thirteen, and intituled, *An Act to regulate the summoning of Jurors in Lower Canada*, shall be and is hereby repealed.

II. That the Sheriffs of the Districts of Quebec, Montreal, Three-Rivers and St. Francis, respectively, shall inscribe on the lists of Petit Jurors to be by them made in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, the name of every person resident in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal and the Towns of Three-Rivers and Sherbrooke, respectively, or resident within ten leagues of the said Cities and Towns, and occupying any house as tenant, and paying for the same a yearly rent of or above the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings currency, and less than Forty Pounds currency, and not specially exempted by law from serving as a Petit Juror.

III. And be it enacted, That notwithstanding any thing to the contrary contained in the fourteenth Section of the Act hereinbefore lastly cited, the Sheriffs of the Districts of Quebec and Montreal respectively, shall not hereafter be required to complete the renewal of the various Lists of Jurors in the said Act mentioned before the fifteenth day of August, in every second year.

IV. And whereas doubts have been raised as to whether the provisions regulating the summoning of Grand and Petit Jurors in and for the District of Gaspé, contained in the Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to establish the District of Gaspé, and to provide for the due administration of Justice therein*, were repealed by any of the provisions contained in the Act aforesaid, passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to regulate the summoning of Jurors in Lower Canada*; Be it therefore declared and enacted, That the several provisions relating to the summoning of Grand and Petit Jurors contained in the Act in this Section first cited, have been and shall remain as fully in force as if the Act in this Section secondly cited had never been passed.