

*Laws of Her Majesty's Province of United Canada*, passed in the year 1854. Quebec: Stewart Derbyshire and George Desbarts, 1854.

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**An Act to alter the limits of the Arthabaska Circuit, and for other purposes. Assented to 30th May, 1855.**

Whereas in consideration- of the great distance between IT the Township of Chester and the place where the Court sits in the Richmond Circuit, and the proximity of the said Township of Chester to the Arthabaska Circuit, it would be expedient to separate the said Township from the said Richmond Circuit, and include it in the Arthabaska Circuit and in the District of Three-Rivers; And whereas the place of sitting of the Arthabaska Circuit is not situated in the centre of the said Circuit in a locality convenient to the majority of the inhabitants of the said Circuit, and a great number of them have petitioned the Legislature to change the said place of sitting: 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, as follows:

- I. From and after the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, the Township of Chester, in the County of Arthabaska, shall be separated from the District of St. Francis and from the Richmond Circuit, in the County of Sherbrooke, and shall be annexed to the District of Three- Rivers, and to the Arthabaska Circuit, for all judicial purposes whatsoever, as though it had always formed part thereof.
- II. All causes pending in the said Circuit Court for the Richmond Circuit, arising out of or relating to the Township of Chester, at the period of such separation, shall be continued in the said Richmond Circuit.
- III. From and after the First day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, the Circuit Court for the Arthabaska Circuit shall sit at the Village of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska in the said Circuit.
- IV. This Act shall be a Public Act.