
Bill (from the Legislative Council)
to provide for the summary trial
of certain small causes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS an easy and expeditious method for the recovery of small Debts of the nature herein-after specified, within the Parishes, Seignories, and Townships of this Province, would be of great advantage to the Inhabitants residing within the same: 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 *Lower-Canada*, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of *Great Britain*, intituled, *An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making 'more effectual provision for the Government of 'the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and for making further provision for the Government of the said Province;* And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, by any Commission or Commissions to be by him issued, to appoint such and so many persons as to him shall seem fit, in any Parishes, Seignories or Townships within this Province, to take cognizance of such causes and suits as are herein after specified, arising in the Parish, Seignory or Township in which such Commissioner or Commissioners may respectively reside, (the Counties of Quebec and Montreal, and the Town and Parish of Three-Rivers excepted,) and it shall and may be lawful to and for such Commissioner or Commissioners, upon request or application to them or any of them made, to grant and issue or cause to be granted or issued a summons or summonses to one or more person or persons, as the case may require, which summons shall be in the form herein after mentioned and described, and shall not be returnable in less than two intermediate days, in cases where the Defendant or Defendants shall reside within the distance of two leagues from the residence of the Commissioner or Commissioners, before whom he or they may be summoned, allowing one day more between the service and return of every such Summons for every five leagues distance over and above the said two leagues at which the Defendant or Defendants

Governor may name Commissioners in the Country Parishes &c. for the trial of small causes.

Commissioners may grant and issue Summonses &c.

Summonses when returnable.