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BILL.

An Act to make better provision for the administration of Justice in the unorganized tracts of Country in Upper Canada.

[The Clauses in Italics are intended to be proposed in Committee.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to make better provision Preamble. for the Administration of Justice in the unorganized tracts of country in this Province, bordering upon and adjacent to Lakes Superior and Huron, including the 5 Islands in those Lakes which belong to this Province. and also all other parts of Upper Canada which are not now included within the limits of any County or Township, and to provide for the laying out of roads therein, and for the general well-being and protection of those who may resort thither for purposes of settlement or tem-10 porary residence connected with mining, lumbering or other business pursuits, and to deter evil disposed persons from inciting the Indians and half-breeds frequenting or residing in those tracts of country to the disturbance of the public peace, or to the committing of any other 15 indictable offence, and to prevent and punish such disturb-

ance of the public peace and violation of the laws: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That it shall be lawful for the Governor of this Province Governor from time to time, and whenever it may be deemed expe-provisional 20 dient and necessary so to do, by Proclamation under the judicial Great Seal, to declare that from and after a certain day Districts. to be therein named, a certain part or certain parts or the whole of such unorganized tracts of country shall form a Provisional Judicial District or Provisional Judicial 25 Districts, and to define the limits of such Provisional Judicial District or Provisional Judicial Districts; and such Provisional Judicial District or Provisional Judicial Districts shall thereupon be formed accordingly.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor 20 Governor of this Province from time to time and at all may autho-ize the umes hereafter during the continuance of any such Pro- holding of visional Judicial District or Provisional Judicial Districts, certain whenever it may be deemed advisable and expedient to such P. J. do so, to issue the necessary commissions authorizing the Districts. 35 holding of Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery in any such Provisional Judicial District or Provisional Judicial Districts so formed as atoresaid.