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An Act to facilitate the administration of Justice throughout the Province.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

EXPERIENCE having demonstrated that the provisions contained in the Provincial Statute, passed in the thirty-fourth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the division of the Province of Lower-Canada, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein-mentioned," have not produced the effects for which they were intended, and that the constitutions of the several Courts thereby erected, are not calculated to produce uniformity and certainty in the administration of Justice, either in criminal or civil cases, and the defects in the constitutions of the said Courts having been found to consist principally in the want of a superior permanent Tribunal, as well for the administration of Justice in appeal in all Civil Pleas as for the administration of Justice in all Pleas of the Crown, by an Original Jurisdiction co-extensive with the limits of the Province. And whereas also it is highly expedient to facilitate the means of instituting and deciding Causes within the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Term of the Court of King's Bench, and moreover to render the *Enquêtes* more easy and less expensive in the Superior Terms of the said Court, and to obtain in the vicinage of the parties, verdicts in such Causes as by virtue of the Laws now in force, may be referred to Juries, and to make other provisions with respect to the Judicature; May it therefore please your Majesty that it may be enacted; And be it 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 for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America*," And to make further provision for the Government of the said Province; And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that there shall be established, constituted and erected and there is hereby