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AN ORDINANCE

*To regulate the proceedings, in certain cases, in the Court of King's Bench, and to give the subject the benefit of Appeal from Large Fines.*



HEREAS it is difficult to find jurors in the towns of Quebec and Montreal, who are proprietors of freehold, It is enacted by His Excellency the Governor and Legislative Council, That in all inquests and trials by jury in criminal cases, it shall be no good

challenge or exception that the juror is not a freeholder, if such juror, being otherwise qualified, is in the actual possession of lands, tenements, or real estate, charged with, and paying an annual rent of fifteen pounds or upwards, and upon any such inquest or trial the defect of the panel in petty jurors, so qualified, may be supplied, as often as it happens, by a tales, as in other ordinary cases, at the discretion of the court, in such manner as the said court shall adjudge proper, to give the party prosecuted, in any criminal cause, jurors for his trial, one half of whom, at the least, may in the judgment of the court, be competently skilled in the language of his defence, if the same be either the English or French language.

Be it also enacted by the same authority, That the terms thereof be limited to ten days from the first day inclusive, and that the return days in the terms be such as the said court shall by rule or order fix and appoint. And if it shall so happen that offenders brought up from

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Preamble.

Qualifications of jurors in criminal cases.

Terms of the King's Bench limited to ten days.

Offenders and return from