

and Proprietors of Ships and all other Vessels whatsoever, employed or used, or between any other persons howsoever, had, began, made or contracted, for any Matter, Cause or Thing, Business or Injury whatsoever, done or to be done as well in, upon or by the Sea or Public Streams, Fresh Waters, Ports, Rivers, Creeks and places overflowed whatsoever within the ebbing and flowing of the Sea or High Water mark, as upon any of the Shores or Banks adjoining to them or either of them, together with all and singular their Incidents, Emergents, Dependencies, annexed and connexed causes whatsoever, and such Causes, Complaints, Contracts, and other the Premises aforesaid, or any of them, howsoever the same may happen to arise, be contracted, had or done, to hear and determine, according to the Civil and Maritime Laws and Customs of our High Court of Admiralty of England, in our said Province of Lower Canada and Maritime parts of the same, and thereto adjacent whatsoever; and also with power to sit and hold Courts in any Cities, Towns and places in our Province of Lower Canada aforesaid, for the hearing and determining of all such Causes and Businesses, together with all and singular their Incidents, Emergencies, and Dependencies, annexed and connexed causes whatsoever, and to proceed judicially and according to law in administering justice therein; and moreover, to compel Witnesses, in case they withdraw themselves for interest, fear, favor, or ill will, or any other cause whatsoever, to give evidence to the truth in all and every causes above mentioned, according to the Exigencies of the Law. And further, to take all manner of Recognizances, Cautions, Obligations, and Stipulations, as well to our use as at the instance of any parties for Agreements or Debts, or other Causes and Businesses whatsoever, and to put the same in execution, and to cause and command them to be executed, and duly to search and inquire of and concerning all Goods of Traitors, Pirates, Manslayers, Felons, Fugitives, and Felons of themselves, and concerning the bodies of persons drowned, killed, or by any other means coming to their death in the sea, or in any ports, rivers, public streams, or creeks, and places overflowed, and also concerning Mayhan happening in the aforesaid places, and Engines, Toils, and Nets prohibited and unlawful, and the occupiers thereof: And moreover, concerning Fishes Royal, namely: Whales, Riggs, Gram-pusses, Dolphins, Sturgeons, and all other fishes whatsoever, which are of a great and very large bulk or fatness, by right or custom any ways used, belonging to us and to the Office of our High Admiral of England; and also of and concerning all casualties at Sea, Goods wrecked, Flotzon, Jetson, Lagon, Shares, things cast over-board, and wreck of the sea, and all Goods taken and to be taken as derelict, or by chance found or to be found, and all other Trespasses, Misdemeanors, Offences, Enormities and Maritime Crimes whatsoever done and committed, or to be done and committed, as well in and upon the High Sea, as in all Ports, Rivers, Fresh Waters and Creeks and Shores of the Sea to High water mark, from all first bridges towards the sea in and throughout our said Province of Lower Canada, and Maritime Coasts thereof, and thereunto belonging, howsoever, whensoever or by what means soever arising or happening, and all such things as are discovered and found out, as also all fees, mullets, ameracements, and compositions due and to be due in that behalf, to tax moderate, demand, collect and levy, and to cause the same to be demanded, levied and collected, and according to law to compel and command them to be paid; and also to proceed in all and every the causes and businesses above recited and in all other Contracts, causes, contempts, and offences whatsoever, howsoever contracted or arising, so that the Goods or Persons of the Debtors may be found within the jurisdiction of the Vice Admiralty Court in our Province of Lower Canada aforesaid, according to the Civil and Maritime Laws and customs of our said High Court of Admiralty of England anciently used, and by all other lawful ways, means, and methods, according to the best of your skill and knowledge; and all such Causes and Contracts to hear, examine, discuss, and finally determine, (saving nevertheless the right of appealing to us in Council, and saving always the right of our said High Court of Admiralty of England, and of the Judge and Registrar of our