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An Act for the qualification of Justices of the Peace.

[12th October, 1842.]

Preamble.

From and after the first of January, 1843, Justices of the Peace, to be appointed in the several districts of this Province, to be of the most sufficient persons, dwelling in the said district respectively.

**W**HEREAS as well by the Criminal Laws of England, in force in this Province, as by divers Provincial Acts, Justices of the Peace are invested with great powers and authority, wherefore it is become of the utmost consequence to all classes of Her Majesty's Subjects, that none but persons well qualified should be permitted to act as Justices of the Peace; And whereas the Laws now in force in this Province are insufficient for that purpose: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled: *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, all Justices of the Peace to be appointed in the several Districts of this Province, shall be of the most sufficient persons, dwelling in the said Districts respectively.