

An Act to prepare for the decentralization of the Judicial system in Lower Canada, by subdividing it into smaller Districts and providing for the building of Court Houses and Gaols therein.

WHEREAS it is expedient, with a view to the decentralization of the Judicial system in Lower Canada, to determine the limits of the smaller Judicial Districts into which it may be advantageously divided, and to provide for the building of Court Houses and Gaols, at proper places in those of the said Districts in which there are none now built : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

- I. The Districts mentioned in the first column of the Schedule to this Act, are those into which Lower Canada shall hereafter be divided for Judicial purposes, and the places mentioned in the second column are those which shall be comprised in and shall compose the said Districts respectively, and the places named in the third column shall be the District Towns thereof :
- and at each of the said District Towns at which there is now no Court House and Gaol, or at which either the Court House or the Gaol requires to be re-built, a site for a Court House and Gaol shall be selected and a Court House and Gaol shall be built thereon by the Commissioners of Public Works, under the control of the Governor in Council ; and all the powers vested in the Commissioners of Public Works with regard to the taking of lands required for Public Works, and all other powers vested in them or in parties who are empowered to contract with them for the conveyance of such lands, and all the provisions of the Acts relating to the said Commissioners and to Public Works constructed under their superintendence, shall in so far as they may not be inconsistent with this Act, apply and extend to the said Court Houses and Gaols and the sites therefor and the construction thereof, and to the said Commissioners in regard to them : Provided always, that no plan shall be adopted by the said Commissioners for the construction of such Court Houses and Gaols, or any of them, until it shall have been approved by the Governor in Council.
- II. The sum to be expended in building the Court and Gaol at any such District Town, shall not, with that paid for the site thereof, exceed the sum of _____, and such sum may be from time to time advanced and paid to the Commissioners of Public Works by the Receiver General

Preamble.

Lower Canada divided as per Schedule.

Court House and Gaol to be built at each District Town.

Proviso.

Cost of each Court and Gaol limited.