

And be it also enacted by the same authority, That there shall be erected, and there are hereby erected two Courts of Original Jurisdiction within this province to be called the Courts of King's bench one for the district of Quebec, to be held in the city of Quebec, and the other for the district of Montreal, to be held in the city of Montreal, to take cognizance of all causes, as well Civil as Criminal, and where the King is a party, except those purely of Admiralty Jurisdiction, and such as are brought for sums under twenty pounds sterling. The first to consist of his Majesty's Chief Justice of the province of Lower Canada, and two Puisné Justices. The other to consist of his Majesty's Chief Justice of the Court of King's bench at Montreal, and two Puisné Justices, any two of whom, in their respective districts shall constitute a Court for all judicial purposes whatsoever.

And for the more speedy administration of justice, be it further enacted by the same authority, That there shall be held within each of these two districts at the cities of Quebec and Montreal four Sessions of the said Court of King's Bench in every year, to be called Hillary, Easter, Trinity, and Michaelmas Terms; Hillary Term to commence on the first Monday, in the month of January; the Term of Easter to commence on the second Monday, of the month of March; Trinity Term to commence on the first Monday, in the month of July; and Michaelmas Term on the second Monday, in the month of September yearly; that in case either of the above days appointed for the commencement of the said several terms, should happen to be a holy-day, then the term or terms shall commence on the day following, not being a holy-day, and the said terms shall severally continue for twelve days festivals and non-judicial days not included, and it is declared and enacted that the first, seventh and last juridical days in each term within each of the said district shall be the return days for all writs issuing from the said Courts of King's Bench respectively.

Provided always and it is hereby enacted that nothing in this act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or person administering the government of this province, for the time being, from issuing at any time or times other than during the sittings of the said Terms commissions of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery for such district or county within this province as shall be deemed expedient and necessary.

Provided also, and it is hereby further enacted, That in every case where any commission of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery shall issue, wherein his Majesty's Chief Justice of the province, or his Majesty's Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench at Montreal, or wherein two of the puisné Justices of the said Court of King's Bench are not included, and assisting at the Courts to be held under and by virtue of such com-
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