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An Act to sanction the use of the French language in Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the right of using the French Preamble, language as the language of the language of the language. language as the language of the law, in proceedings before the Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction in Lower Canada, and it is desireable to remove them: Therefore, Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. The French language has been, is and shall be, equally with be used equalthe English language, the legal language of procedure in matters of Criminal Jurisdiction, and in all process and proceedings in half proceedand before all Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction in Lower Canada.

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