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AN ACT for the better Administration of Justice in
Newfoundland, and for other Purposes.

Note.—The Figures in the Margin denote the number of Presses
in the Ingrossment.

1 **W**HEREAS it is expedient to make further Provision for the
Administration of Justice in the Colony of *Newfoundland*;

2 **BE** it therefore Enacted by The KING's most Excellent MAJESTY,
by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Tem-
poral, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the
authority of the same, THAT it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty,
by His Charter or Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to institute
a superior court of judicature in *Newfoundland*, which shall be called
"The Supreme Court of *Newfoundland*;" and the said court shall be
a court of record, and shall have all civil and criminal jurisdiction what-
ever in *Newfoundland*, and in all lands islands and territories dependent
upon the government thereof, as fully and amply, to all intents and pur-
poses, as His Majesty's courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas,
Exchequer, and High Court of Chancery, in that part of *Great Britain*
called *England*, have, or any of them hath; and the said Supreme Court
shall also be a court of oyer and terminer and general gaol delivery in
and for *Newfoundland*, and all places within the government thereof;
and shall also have jurisdiction in all cases of crimes and misdemeanors
committed on the banks of *Newfoundland*, or any of the seas or islands
to which ships or vessels repair from *Newfoundland* for carrying on
the fishery.

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And be it further Enacted, That the said Supreme Court shall be
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barristers in *England*, or in some of His Majesty's colonies or planta-
tions, who shall be appointed to such their offices by His Majesty, His

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