

BILL.

An Act to establish a Court having jurisdiction in Appeals and Criminal matters, for Lower Canada.

2 **W**HEREAS it is expedient to alter and reform the judicial system of Lower Canada, which hath been found in some respects inadequate to the due administration of justice in that division of the Province, and for that purpose, among other things, to establish therein a Court having jurisdiction in Appeals and Criminal matters : Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

10 And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Act passed in the 12 seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act for the establishment of a 14 better Court of Appeals in Lower Canada,* shall be and is hereby repealed ; but all 16 Acts and provisions of law thereby repealed shall nevertheless remain repealed.

Act 7 Vict. c. 18. repealed.

Proviso.

18 II. And be it enacted, That there shall be and there is hereby established in and for 20 Lower Canada a Court of Record to be called "The Court of Queen's Bench," and 22 to consist of four Judges, that is to say, of a Chief Justice and three Puisné Judges, to 24 be appointed from time to time, by Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, by Letters 26 Patent under the Great Seal of this Province; but no person shall be appointed to 28 be such Chief Justice or Puisné Judge, unless at the time of his appointment he shall 30 have been a Justice of one of the several Courts of Queen's Bench in Lower Canada, or a Judge of the Superior Court, or a 32 Circuit Judge, or shall be an Advocate of 34 at least ten years' standing at the Bar of Lower Canada: Provided always, that the 36 said Court shall be called "The Court of Queen's Bench," or "The Court of King's

Court of Queen's Bench established. Four Judges.

Who may be appointed a Judge.

Proviso as to the name of the Court.