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An Act to amend the Act providing for the Summary Decision of Small Causes in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS experience has shown the necessity of making certain amendments to the provisions of the Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to provide for the Summary Trial of Small Causes in Lower Canada*," Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That upon a petition signed by an absolute majority of the inhabitants of any Parish, Seignory or Township in Lower Canada, in which there now is or may then be a Court for the trial of small causes, entitled to vote at elections of Municipal Councilors, (such petition being accompanied by the certificate of at least three persons resident in such Parish, Seignory or Township, each of whom shall be either a Justice of the Peace, or an officer of Militia above the rank of Ensign, attesting that the signers of such petition really form an absolute majority of the Municipal Electors resident in such Parish, Seignory or Township,) praying that the Commissioners' Court in such Parish, Seignory or Township, be suspended or discontinued, such Court shall be suspended or discontinued by the Governor in Council accordingly: Provided always, that no Commissioners' Court shall after the passing of this Act, be constituted or re-established, except upon a petition signed by an absolute majority of the Municipal Electors of such Parish, Seignory or Township, certified as aforesaid.

Preamble.

7 Vict. c. 19.

Commissioners Court to be discontinued on petition of a certain number of inhabitants.

Proviso.