

*HEADS and SUBSTANCE of ACTS passed in the Legislative Council and Assembly of Upper-Canada in the first session of the first General Assembly,*

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1st. AN ACT, to introduce the Laws of England in all matters and cases except as far as the same may be altered by the ordinances of Quebec Province; excepting also the laws of bankruptcy and respecting the Clergy.

2d. AN ACT, for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts before Courts of requests, composed of two or more Justices of the peace for each division of the several Districts and to sit on the first and third Saturday of every month to determine suits not exceeding forty shillings currency.

3d. AN ACT, which abolishes the summary proceedings in actions or law suits under ten pounds currency.

4th. AN ACT, To authorise the Magistrates in places where there are forty houses and store houses collected together or upwards, within the space of half a mile square, to make such regulations as they may judge necessary for the prevention of accidental fires.

5th. AN ACT, which authorises the trial by Jury in all civil actions or suits at Law.

6th. AN ACT, which changes the former names of districts and which authorises the Magistrates to erect one goal and court-house in each of the districts in the name and behalf of the inhabitants thereof.

7th. AN ACT, which stipulates that the toll to be taken for grinding and bolting shall not exceed one twelfth part or share of such grain.

8th. AN ACT, which establishes the Winchester weight and measure as the only legal one to buy and sell by.

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His Excellency Lieut. Govr. SIMCOE's Speech on proroguing both Houses of the General Assembly of Upper-Canada.

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*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.*

IT is with very great satisfaction that I have considered those acts which you have found expedient to frame, and to which, in consequence of the power delegated to me I have this day given my assent, that they shall become laws of the Province of Upper-Canada.

As the division which his Majesty in his wisdom thought proper to make of the late Province of Quebec, obviated all inconveniences; and laid the foundation for the establishment of the English laws in this Province, it is natural to presume that you would seize the first opportunity, to impart that benefit to your fellow subjects, and by the act to establish trials by juries and by that, which makes the English laws the rule of decision in all matters of controversy, relative to property, and civil rights you have fully justified the public expectation, your other acts seem calculated to promote the general welfare and convenience of the Province.

His Majesty in his benevolence having directed a seventh from such lands as shall be granted to be reserved for the Crown, for the public benefit, it will