

Rights, to be called "The District Court of Quebec, the District Court of Montreal and the District Court of Three-Rivers," respectively; and the said District Courts of the Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers, respectively, shall consist of two Justices each; and in each of the said Districts, the District Court thereof shall have, hold and exercise jurisdiction in and over the whole and every part of such District in the manner herein-after enacted.

XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in each of the said Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers, respectively, the District Court thereof shall have, hold and exercise original jurisdiction and full power and authority to take cognizance of and to hear, try and determine, in due course of Law, all Common or Civil Pleas, and Civil Causes and Matters whatsoever, which, at the time of the passing of this Act were cognizable in the Inferior Terms of the then existing Courts of King's Bench of and for the Districts of Quebec and Montreal and in the Provincial Court of the District of Three-Rivers, respectively, and wherein the amount claimed shall not exceed the sum of £10, sterling; and to this end the District Courts hereby constituted, in each of the said Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers, and the Justices thereof, respectively, shall be, and they are hereby vested without any diminution whatever, and as well in term as in vacation, with all, each, and every the jurisdiction, powers and authorities which, at the passing of this Act, were by Law vested in the then existing Courts of King's Bench of the Districts of Quebec and Montreal and in the Provincial Court of the District of Three-Rivers, respectively, in the Inferior Terms thereof; Provided, nevertheless, and it is hereby enacted, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to give to the Justices of the said District Courts or to any or either of them, any jurisdiction, power or authority to interdict insane persons, or any others for any cause whatever, or to emancipate minors, or to affix or remove Seals of safe custody, or to hear or decide any action wherein the sum demanded is above the value of £10, sterling, or any action wherein the amount demanded is beneath the sum of £10, sterling, if in any respect, other than the value therein demanded, such action was not by Law cognizable at the passing of this Act, in the Inferior Terms of the then existing Courts of King's Bench and Provincial Court of Three-Rivers, respectively, and that the jurisdiction, power and authority by this Act given to the said District Courts, shall be exercised by the said District Courts and by the Justices thereof in like manner and subject to the same rules, restrictions and limitations, and to the like evocations as is or are now by Law provided for hear-