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An Act to increase the number of Terms of the Circuit Court, in the St. John's Circuit Court, in the District of Montreal.

WHEREAS from the large number of causes tried in the St. John's Circuit Court, it would be of great advantage to the inhabitants residing within the limits of the said St. John's Circuit, considering the increase in the number of causes tried in the St. John's Circuit, that the Terms of the said Court should be more numerous, in order to facilitate the transaction of business; Be it therefore enacted, &c.; Preamble.

That four Terms of the Circuit Court shall be held in every year, in the St. John's Circuit, in the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, instead of three Terms as heretofore; and that the said Circuit Court shall be held in the said Parish of St. John the Evangelist, at the following periods, that is to say: from the 12th to the 21st day of January; from the 12th to the 21st day of April, from the 12th to the 21st day of June, and from the 12th to the 21st day of October, both days inclusive, instead of on the days and at the periods heretofore established by law for holding the said Court in the said Circuit. Four Terms to be held, at what periods.

II. That in order to despatch the business before the Court, and to facilitate the more immediate adjudication of cases, the presiding Judge shall remain during the whole period of the said several Terms; every juridical day of which said Terms shall be a return day for non-appealable causes, as well as for appealable causes; provided nevertheless that no appealable cause shall be inscribed on the *role de droit* for proof or for final hearing, on the merits or for hearing *en droit*, on any day of the said several Terms after the eighth day thereof, unless by the express consent of both parties in the cause. Judge to remain during the whole Term, &c.

III. That all Acts and part of Acts or provisions of law repugnant to or inconsistent with this Act, or which may make any provision in any matter provided for by this Act, other than such as is made by this Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed. Inconsistent enactments repealed.