

erection and constitution of the Courts of King's Bench for the Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers, and to the establishment, erection and constitution of the Provincial Court for the District of Three-Rivers, and to the several and respective jurisdictions of such Courts of King's Bench, and of such Provincial Court as aforesaid, as well civil as criminal, and to the establishment, erection and constitution of the Provincial Court of Appeals of this Province, and to the jurisdiction thereof, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that there shall be established, constituted and erected, and there is hereby established, constituted and erected, in this Province of Lower-Canada, a Court for the hearing and decision of all matters of controversy, relative to property and civil rights, to be called, His Majesty's Court of Common or Civil Pleas, of and for the Province of Lower-Canada, and the said Court of Common or Civil Pleas shall consist of one Chief Justice, and seven Puisné Justices, and shall have, hold and exercise jurisdiction in Civil pleas, causes and matters in and over the whole of the said Province of Lower-Canada, in the manner hereinafter enacted.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Court of Common or Civil Pleas, hereby constituted, and the Justices 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 by Law cognizable in the Superior Terms of the then existing Courts of King's Bench in the said Province of Lower-Canada, or in any or either of them, and all things incident thereto; and to this end the said Court of Common or Civil Pleas, and the Justices thereof, respectively, shall be, and they are hereby and in the manner hereinafter enacted, 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 in the said Province, or in any or either of them, or, in the Justices thereof, respectively, or in any or either of them, in term or in vacation; save only and except so much of the jurisdiction, powers and authorities of the said then existing Courts of King's Bench, and of the Justices thereof, severally and respectively, as related or relates in any manner or way whatever, to criminal pleas, causes or matters, or to the cognizance of crimes and criminal offences, or to matters or things incident thereto.