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For regulating the Fur Trade, and establishing  
a Criminal and Civil Jurisdiction within certain  
Parts of *North America*.

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Note.—The Figures in the Margin denote the number of the Folios in  
the written Copy.

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1 **W**H E R E A S the Competition in the Fur Trade between the  
Governor and Company of Adventurers of *England* trading into Preamble.  
*Hudson's Bay*, and certain Associations of persons trading under the name  
of "The North West Company of *Montreal*," has been found for some  
years past to be productive of great inconvenience and loss, not only to the  
said Company and Associations, but to the said Trade in general, and also  
of great injury to the native Indians and of other persons subjects of His  
Majesty: And whereas the animosities and feuds arising from such com-  
petition, have also for some years past kept the interior of *America*, to the  
2 northward and westward of the provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*,  
and of the territories of the United States of *America*, in a state of  
continued disturbance: And whereas many breaches of the peace, and  
violences extending to the loss of lives and considerable destruction of  
property, have continually occurred therein: And whereas for remedy of  
such evils, it is expedient and necessary that some more effectual regula-  
tions should be established for the apprehending, securing, and bringing  
to justice all persons committing such offences, and that His Majesty  
should be empowered to regulate the said Trade:

3 And whereas doubts have been entertained, whether the provisions of an  
Act passed in the forty-third year of the reign of his late Majesty King  
*George* the Third, intituled, "An Act for extending the Jurisdiction of the  
Courts of Justice in the Provinces of *Lower* and *Upper Canada*, to the Trial  
and Punishment of Persons guilty of Crimes and Offences within certain  
parts of *North America* adjoining to the said Provinces," extended to the  
territories granted by Charter to the said Governor and Company; and it