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An ORDINANCE

*For establishing courts of criminal jurisdiction in
the province of Quebec.*



It is ordained and enacted by his excellency the captain general and governor in chief of this province, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council of the same, THAT

A R T. I.

There shall be, and hereby is erected, constituted, and established for the province at large, a supreme court of criminal justice and jurisdiction, to be called and known by the name of the *Court of King's Bench*, for the cognizance of all pleas of the crown, and for the trial of all manner of offences whatsoever. The said court shall be held before the *Chief Justice* of the province, or commissioners that may be appointed for executing the office of *Chief Justice*, for the time being; who shall hear and determine the said pleas of the crown, and all manner of offences whatsoever, according to the laws of England, and the ordinances of the governor and legislative council of the province.

And for the speedy administration of justice, and the preventing long imprisonments, there shall be held, in every year, four sessions of the said court of King's Bench, whereof two sessions shall be held at the city of Quebec, and the other two at the city of Montreal, at the times hereafter following, to wit, at the city of Quebec, on the first

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