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AN ACT for erecting Court Houses, with proper Offices in the several Districts of Quebec and Montreal, and for defraying the expences thereof.

[3d JUNE, 1799.]

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Preamble.

WHEREAS it hath pleased Your Majesty, by Message to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, to signify that Your Majesty, in your paternal regard for the welfare and happiness of your faithful subjects in this Province, hath been graciously pleased, to give your Royal attention to the representations which have been made relative to the erection of proper Buildings, for holding the Courts of Justice in the several Districts of Quebec and Montreal, and to authorize the Governor of this Province, to advance on the part of Your Majesty, the Sums which shall be requisite for that purpose, to be replaced at such time and in such manner as, in the wisdom of the Provincial Parliament may be found expedient. And whereas, Court Houses or Halls, with proper Offices, for the convenient sittings of the Courts of Justice in the several Districts of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, are of urgent necessity, and for the honour of Your Majesty's Government and the dignity of Justice ought to be forthwith erected: May it therefore please Your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of An Act, passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;'*" And it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful to and for His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, by an Instrument under his hand and seal at Arms, to appoint in each of the said Districts of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, three persons to be Commissioners for erecting the Court Houses and proper Offices for the convenient sittings of the Courts of Justice, to be erected in pursuance of this Act in each of the said Districts respectively, to remove, from time to time, the said Commissioners or any of them, and to appoint others in the place and stead of such as shall be removed, or shall die or resign their trust.

The Governor to appoint three commissioners in each of the districts of Quebec and Montreal, to superintend the building of the Court Houses and proper Offices.

To remove them or any of them and appoint others in their stead.

The Commissioners to fix on a Lot of Ground in each of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, for the erection of the Court Houses and Offices.

Provided that before the Lots of Ground are finally fixed on &c. the same to be approved of by the Governor.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in each of the said Districts of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, the said Commissioners for such Districts respectively, or any two of them, as soon as may be, after their respective appointments, shall fix upon some convenient Lot of Ground in each of the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, respectively, whereon such Court Houses and proper Offices aforesaid may be conveniently erected; Provided always, that the situation and other circumstances relative to such Lots of Ground, and to each of them, shall by the said Commissioners or any two of them in each of the said Districts, respectively, be reported to and be approved, by His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person

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