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"easy and convenient distribution of justice to his Majesty's subjects in those distant parts of the province.

"And whereas an inferior court of judicature, or court of Common Pleas, is also thought necessary and convenient, it is further ordained and declared, by the authority aforesaid, that an inferior court of judicature, or court of Common Pleas, is hereby established, with power and authority to determine all property above the value of ten pounds, with a liberty of appeal to either party to the superior court, or court of King's Bench, where the matter in contest is of the value of twenty pounds, and upwards.

"All trials in this court to be by juries, if demanded by either party ; and this court to sit and hold two terms in every year at the town of Quebec, at the same time with the superior court, or court of King's Bench. Where the matter in contest in this court is above the value of three hundred pounds Sterling, either party may (if they shall think proper) appeal to the governor and council immediately, and from the governor and council an appeal lies to the King and council, where the matter in contest is above the value of five hundred pounds Sterling, or upwards.

"The judges in this court are to determine agreeable to equity, having regard nevertheless to the laws of England as far as the circumstances and present situation of things will admit, until such time as proper ordinances for the information of the people can be established by the governor and council, agreeable to the laws of England.

"The French laws and customs to be allowed and admitted in all causes in this court between the natives of the province, where the cause of action arose before the first day of October one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four.

"The first process in this court to be an attachment against the body.

"An execution to go against the body, lands, or goods of the defendant.

"Canadian advocates, proctors, &c. may practice in this court.

"And whereas it is thought highly necessary for the ease, convenience, and happiness of all his Majesty's loving subjects, that justices of the peace should be appointed for the respective districts of this province, with power of determining property of small value in a summary way, it is therefore further ordained and declared, by the authority aforesaid, and full power is hereby given and granted to any one of his Majesty's justices of the peace, within their respective districts, to hear and finally