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An Act declaratory of the Law concerning Contempts of Court in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the powers and jurisdiction of the Courts of Lower Canada in matters of Contempt, and it is expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore declared and enacted, &c. Preamble.

- 5 And it is hereby declared and enacted by the authority of the same, That the power of the several Courts of Justice in Lower Canada to issue attachments and inflict summary punishments for Contempts of Court, does not extend and shall not be construed to extend to any cases To what cases the power of the Courts in L. C. extends as to contempts.
- 10 except the misbehaviour of any person or persons in presence of the said Courts, or so near thereto as to obstruct the Administration of Justice,—the misbehaviour of any of the officers of the said Courts in their official transactions,—and the disobedience of or resistance to any
- 15 lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree or command of the said Courts by any person whomsoever.