

to prison, such imprisonment or committal shall, if no other place be mentioned, be in or to the Common Gaol of the locality in which the order for such imprisonment shall be made, or if there be no Common Gaol there, then in or to that Common Gaol which shall be nearest to such locality," and it is expedient to define which shall be deemed the nearest Common Gaols in or to which any party may be imprisoned or committed upon any order for such imprisonment, made in any civil suit or proceeding in the Superior or Circuit Court, or in any Commissioners' Court, in any New District, or by any Justice of the Peace in the exercise of his jurisdiction or powers in any civil case or proceeding in any New District, or in any civil case or matter in which any person may be imprisoned or committed to prison, therefore---Until a Gaol has been built in any New District and has become the Common Gaol thereof, by virtue of any proclamation appointing the day when the said Lower Canada Judicature Act of 1857, shall be in force in such District for all purposes of the administration of Justice in Criminal matters, the Common Gaols which shall be held to be nearest to the said New Districts respectively, and in and to which such imprisonment or committal as aforesaid under any order, writ process or proceeding in the said New Districts respectively, shall be as follows:

Which shall be the common Gaols of the New Districts under m V. c. 44, respectively.

The Common Gaol in and for the District of Montreal, shall be deemed the nearest to the Districts of Terrebonne, Joliette, Richelieu, St. Hyacinth, Bedford, Iberville and Beauharnois;

The Common Gaol in and for the District of Quebec, shall be deemed the nearest Common Gaol to the Districts of Arthabaska, Beauce, Montmagny and Saguenay;

And the Common Gaol in and for the District of Kamouraska, shall be deemed the nearest Common Gaol to the District of Rimouski;

And the keepers of each of the said Common Gaols respectively, shall receive and therein safely keep until discharged or bailed in due course of law, all persons to be imprisoned or committed to prison in cases arising in such New Districts respectively as aforesaid:

Keepers to receive prisoners.

Provided always, that for all purposes of the administration of Justice in Criminal matters, the Common Gaols in and for the Old Districts as constituted before the passing of the said Lower Canada Judicature Act of 1857, shall continue to be the Common Gaols for the said Districts as then bounded, until the said Act fully comes into effect in the New Districts for all purposes of the administration of Justice in Criminal matters.

Proviso: as to the old districts.

LIX. And for the avoidance of doubts, it is declared and enacted that every Gaol in Lower Canada, whether in any of

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