

BILL.

An Act to establish Courts of Conciliation in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS the moral power that would be exercised Freamble.
 by Courts of Conciliation, might have a very
 beneficial tendency in preventing expensive, vexatious,
 uncertain and prolonged Lawsuits, which occupy much
 5 of the time of Courts, Judges, Jurors and Witnesses, and
 are productive of ill-will, envy and strife in society; and
 whereas it is desirable to establish such Courts, for the
 prompt and final determination of controversies having
 their origin in passion, excitement and misapprehension
 10 —for repressing the spirit of litigation—for lessening the
 necessity of taking oaths—for avoiding needless exposures
 of human frailty in the legal tribunals—and for encour-
 aging the speedy and amicable settlement of disputes and
 differences arising between friends and neighbours:—
 15 Be it therefore enacted, &c.

That Tribunals are hereby established in the several Courts of
 Conciliation
 established.
 Counties of Upper Canada, to be known as the Courts
 of Conciliation.

II. And be it enacted, That a Court of Conciliation Where, when
 and by whom
 held.
 20 shall be held in each of the said Counties by the County
 Judge. It may be held on any juridical day, and wherever,
 in his County, the Judge may happen to be.

III. And be it enacted, That the causes of action of In what cases
 they shall act.
 25 which this Court shall have cognizance, are assault, bat-
 tery, false imprisonment, breach of promise of marriage,
 libel, slander, malicious prosecution, and personal violence
 of any kind.

IV. And be it enacted, That any person claiming to Summons to
 attend
 Conciliation
 Court.
 35 have a cause of action against another, in any of the cases
 mentioned in section III, may serve on him or her a writ-
 ten notice, mentioning the alleged cause of action, and
 requiring him or her to appear in relation thereto, before
 the Court of Conciliation of the County where the notice
 is served, at a specified time, not less than *five* days from
 40 the time of service. Such notice must be served in the
 manner prescribed for a summons in a civil action.

V. And be it enacted, That at the time specified in Parties to
 appear and to
 heard in
 private.
 the notice, or at such other time as the hearing may be
 adjourned to by the Court, the parties appearing must be