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Bill to facilitate and afford a more speedy and effectual remedy than heretofore in certain parts therein mentioned adjacent to the Province Line against fraudulent and absconding Debtors.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by reason of the remoteness of the Seigniories and Townships in the County of *Bedford*, adjacent to and in the vicinity of the Province line, from the seat of Justice, insolvent and fraudulent Debtors often elude the suit of their creditors residing in this Province, and withdraw from the Jurisdiction of His Majesty's Courts of Law, carrying with them into the *United States* their goods and moveable effects, before process can be obtained in due course to prevent the escape of such Debtors, or to attach their moveable property and effects, thereby causing great and ruinous losses to divers of His Majesty's Subjects: Be it therefore 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 for making further provision for the Government of the said Province*: And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, in all cases where by Law a Capias or Attachment may issue against the body or moveable effects of any Debtor, prior to trial and judgment, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace residing in the said County of *Bedford*, or Commissioner hereunto specially appointed by His Majesty's Court of King's Bench at *Montreal*, the necessary Affidavit or Oath as by Law in such case is required, being previously made before him, (which Oath any Justice of the Peace or Commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to administer,) to issue a Capias or Attachment, according to Law, against the body or moveable effects as the case may be, operative and execu-

Justices of the Peace or Commissioners to be specially appointed, in the County of *Bedford*, may in certain cases issue *capias* or attachments &c.