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To provide for the Trial of Impeachments in this Province.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Preamble.

WHEREAS it would be conducive to the welfare and general Government of this Province and to the tranquility and happiness of your Majesty's faithful and Loyal Subjects therein, if Impeachments and accusations made by the Assembly of this Province were heard, tried and determined in the same Province, and whereas it is just and equitable that the Assembly of this Province, making Impeachments and accusations, as well as the persons against whom such Impeachments and accusations may be made, should have the benefit of a Trial in this Province, to the end that they may respectively be enabled to produce with the least possible delay and expense, their several witnesses, and other means of conviction and defence, and obtain speedy and substantial Justice; And whereas your Majesty, when Prince Regent of the United Kingdom, was graciously pleased in the name and on the behalf of your august Father, his late Majesty, King George the Third, of glorious memory, to signify to both Houses of the Legislature of this Province, by Message, that having taken the matter into consideration, it was your Majesty's decision, that in all cases of Impeachments by the Assembly, the adjudication of the charges preferred against the party accused should be left to the Legislative Council; and whereas it is highly expedient that this your Majesty's wise and salutary determination should be carried into effect, therefore, We your Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted and declared, and be it enacted and declared by the King's

Message repeated.