

The powers and authorities of the present Courts of King's Bench relating to the Writ of *Habeas Corpus* shall be vested in the Court of King's Bench hereby constituted &c.

And in certain cases in the Justices of the District Courts.

exercised by the several Courts of King's Bench in this Province which existed at the passing of this Act, or in or by any or either of them, or in or by all or any of the Justices of the said Courts, severally or collectively, in term or in vacation, and related in any manner or way to His Majesty's Writ of *Habeas Corpus* in civil and criminal matters, or to the awarding or issuing, or return thereof, or to the hearing, trying or determining in due course of Law of any question, issue, matter, or thing thence arising or incident thereto, in any manner or way whatsoever, shall be, and the same and each and every of them is and are hereby vested in the Court of King's Bench hereby constituted, and in the several and respective Divisions thereof and in each and every of the Justices of the said last mentioned Court, and during the necessary absence of all the said Justices from any or either of the said Divisions of *Quebec*, *Montreal* and *Three Rivers*, or during the absence of any one or more of such Justices therefrom, and that the Justice or Justices who remain in any such Division is or are by sickness incapacitated from attending to his or their official and judicial duties, then and in either of such cases all and every the said powers and authorities hereby vested in the said Justices of the Court of King's Bench hereby constituted, and in each of them, in vacation, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Justices of the District Courts of *Quebec*, *Montreal* and *Three Rivers* also hereby constituted, and in each of the said Justices during such necessary absence, or such sickness and incapacity as aforesaid, and no longer.

Persons having Records and Registers &c. belonging to any Court may be compelled to transmit them to such Court &c.

Every neglect in such cases to be deemed a contempt.

LI. And be it further enacted, that the said Court of King's Bench and the said District Courts herein-before respectively constituted, and each of them, shall have full power and authority, from time to time, to order and compel such person or persons who may have in their possession, power or custody, any Records, Registers, and proceedings herein-before directed to be transmitted into either of the said Courts, to transmit the same as so directed into such Courts respectively, and every wilful neglect and refusal so to do, shall be deemed a contempt, and the party offending shall and may be proceeded against in the same manner as for a contempt of the said Court of King's Bench, and of the said District Courts respectively.

Annuities allowed to Justices retiring and to their widows in case of demise &c.

LII. And whereas, it is just that some adequate provision should be made for those Judges who, from their long and faithful services, or from age and infirmity, may have resigned and