

C H A P. II.

AN ACT to establish TRIALS by JURY.

WHEREAS, the Trial by Jury has been long established and approved in our Mother Country, and is one of the chief benefits to be attained by a free Constitution; 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 Upper-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 to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," and by the authority of the same, That from and after the first day of December, in this present year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, all and every Issue and Issues of fact, which shall be joined in any action, real, personal or mixed, and brought in any of His Majesty's Courts of Justice within the Province aforesaid, shall be tried and determined by the unanimous Verdict of twelve Jurors, duly sworn for the trial of such Issue or Issues, which Jurors shall be summoned and taken conformably to the Law and Custom of England.

Preamble.

All issues of fact to be determined by the verdict of 12 jurors conformably to the law & custom of England. (See 34 Geo. III. c. 1.)

II. *Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall prevent, or be construed to prevent the said Jurors, in all cases where they shall be so minded, from bringing in a Special Verdict.*

Who may bring in a special verdict.

C H A P. III.

An Act to Establish the WINCHESTER MEASURE, and a Standard for other Weights and Measures throughout this Province.

WHEREAS, an uniformity of Weights and Measures is much desired in this Province, Be it 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 Upper-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 to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," and by the authority of the same, That from and after the First day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, there shall be one just Beam or Balance, one certain Weight and Measure, and one Yard, according to the Standard of His Majesty's Exchequer in England, used throughout this Province; and whoever shall keep any other Weight, Measure or Yard, whereby any Corn, Grain, or other thing is bought or sold, shall forfeit for every offence Two Pounds, Quebec Currency.

Preamble.

Standard for weights and measures.

Penalty for not complying.