

by emptying or throwing the same into the channel of the River Saint Lawrence in the presence of one of the Tea Agents or their Attorney, and of an Officer of the Customs, and that a statement or certificate upon oath of the fact shall be made and delivered to the Collector aforesaid, specifying the quantities and kinds of Teas so destroyed.

Duration of
this Act.

Proviso.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine and no longer: Provided always, that if, in the mean time, the Charter of the East India Company shall be repealed or altered, or any alterations by Act of Parliament be made in the Tea Trade, this Act shall, in consequence thereof, be thereafter null, void and of none effect.

C A P. II.

AN Act to provide for the summary trial of certain small causes.

(29th March, 1826.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS an easy and expeditious method for the recovery of small debts of the nature herein-after specified, within the Parishes, Seigniories and Townships of this Province, would be of great advantage to the inhabitants residing within the same: 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 to make 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, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, by any Commission or Commissions to be by him issued, to appoint such and so many persons as to him shall seem fit, in any Parishes, Seigniories or Townships within this Province, to take cognizance of such causes and suits as are herein-after specified, arising in the Parish, Seigniority or Township in which such Commissioner or Commissioners may respectively reside, (the Counties of Quebec and Montreal, and the Town and Parish of Three-Rivers excepted.)

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