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BILL.

[1858.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Judicature Acts of Lower Canada.

WHEREAS experience hath shewn that in order to facilitate the Preamble. administration of Justice and Procedure, it is expedient to amend and consolidate into one Act the several Judicature Acts of Lower Canada, with the Act passed in the 20th year of Her Majesty's reign, chaptered 44 and intituled, "An Act to amend the Judicature Acts of Lower Canada :". Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

DIVISION OF LOWER CANADA INTO DISTRICTS.

1. Lower Canada shall be divided into 17 districts in the manner indicated in the table A of this Act, the first column of which contains the name of each District ; the second column the places included within the limits of the District ; and the third column the name of the place at or near to which the sittings of the District Courts shall be held, and at which the Court House and Gaol of the District shall be situated, provided that if the name of any place, being the *chef-lieu* of a district be changed, such place shall nevertheless continue to be the *chef-lieu* under the new name. Lower Canada divided into districts.

2. A Court House and Gaol shall be immediately erected in the manner hereinafter prescribed, in each of the new districts mentioned in the 2nd Table. Court House and Gaol.

ERECTION OF COURT HOUSES AND GAOLS.

20 And whereas it is expedient to create a fund, out of the proceeds of which, without having recourse to the costs and charges of an onerous local taxation, Court Houses and Gaols may be erected in the said districts, and also Court Houses to serve for the sittings of the Circuit Court elsewhere than at the *chef-lieu* of the district : Building fund.

25 3. The amount of the Municipalities Fund for Lower Canada, created by the Clergy Reserves Act of 1854, chapter 2, after deducting therefrom the charges imposed thereof in virtue of the said Act, shall not be distributed amongst the Municipalities of Lower Canada, nor paid over to them in the manner prescribed by the said Act, but shall 30 be appropriated for the purposes of this Act. Municipalities fund appropriated.

4. The Governor in Council may from time to time authorize the Receiver General to raise such sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of £75,000, as may be necessary for the purposes Dobentures may be issued to amount of £75,000.