

**B I L L .**

An Act to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace, out of Sessions, with respect to summary convictions and Orders.

**W**HEREAS it would conduce much to the improvement of the administration of justice within that part of this Province called Lower Canada, so far as respects summary convictions and orders to be made by Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace therein, if the several statutes and parts of statutes relating to the duties of such Justices in respect of such summary convictions and orders were consolidated; with such additions and alterations as may be deemed necessary, and that such duties should be clearly defined by positive enactment; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

That in all cases where an information shall be laid before one or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for any District within this Province, that any person has committed or is suspected to have committed any offence or act within the jurisdiction of such Justice or Justices of the Peace, for which he is liable by law, upon a summary conviction for the same before a Justice or Justices of the Peace; to be imprisoned or fined, or otherwise punished; and also in all cases where a complaint shall be made to any such Justice or Justices, upon which he or they have or shall have authority by law to make any order for the payment of money or otherwise, then in every such case it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace to issue his or their summons (A), directed to such person, stating shortly the matter of such information or complaint, and requiring him to appear at a certain time and place, before the same Justice or Justices, or before such other Justice or Justices of the same District as shall then be there, to answer to the said information or complaint, and to be further dealt with according to law; and every such summons shall be served by a Constable, or other peace officer, or other person to whom the same shall be delivered; upon the person to whom it is so directed, by delivering the same to the party personally, or by leaving the same with some person for him, at his last or most usual place of abode; and the Constable, peace officer, or person who shall serve the same in manner aforesaid, shall attend at the time and place, and before the Justices in the said summons mentioned, to depose, if necessary, to the service

How summons to be served.