

(UPPER CANADA.)

An Act to authorise the inquiry and trial of crimes and offences committed within this Province without the limits of any described township or county to be had in any district thereof.

Whereas by an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the better Division of this Province" large tracts of country are comprehended in the several districts of this Province which are not within the limits of any township or county therein: And whereas, crimes and offences have been committed and may hereafter be committed in such tracts of country, which it might be inconvenient to try in the particular district wherein the same may have been committed—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, entitled "An Act to repeal certain parts of "An Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled An Act for "making more effectual Provision for the Government 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 all crimes and offences committed in any of the said tracts of country or parts of this Province, not being within the limits of any described county or township, may be inquired of and tried within any district of this Province, and may and shall be laid and charged to have been committed within the jurisdiction of the Court which shall try the same, and such Court may and shall proceed thereon to trial, judgment, and execution, or other punishment for such crime or offence, in the same manner as if such crime or offence had been really committed within the district where such trial may be had, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, that when and so soon as any new county or counties, township or townships, shall be laid out, described, and established in any of the tracts of Territory aforesaid, and shall be so declared by Law or by Proclamation under the Hand and Seal of the Governor, or Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Executive Council, all crimes and offences committed within the limits of any such new county or counties, township or townships, shall be inquired of, and tried in the district or districts wherein such new county or counties, township or townships shall be respectively comprehended, in like manner as such crimes or offences would have been inquired of and tried if this present Act had not been made or passed.

Commons House of Assembly, 21st of October, 1818,

(Signed) ALLAN MACLEAN, Speaker.

Passed the Legislative Council, 23rd of October, 1818.

(Signed) WILLIAM DUMMER POWELL, Speaker.

Assent to this Bill in His Majesty's Name,

(Signed) P. MAITLAND, Lieutenant-Governor.

27th November, 1818.