

Time with the Superior Court; or Court of King's-Bench. Where the Matter in Contest in this Court is above the Value of *Three Hundred Pounds Sterling*, either Party may (if they shall think proper) appeal to the Governor and Council immediately, and from the Governor and Council an Appeal lies to the King and Council, where the Matter in Contest is of the Value of *Five Hundred Pounds Sterling* or upwards.

The Judges in this Court are to determine agreeable to Equity, having Regard nevertheless to the Laws of *England*, as far as the Circumstances and present Situation of Things will admit, until such Time as proper Ordinances for the Information of the People can be established by the Governor and Council, agreeable to the Laws of *England*.

The *French* Laws and Customs to be allowed and admitted in all Causes in this Court, between the Natives of this Province, where the Cause of Action arose before the first Day of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-four.

The first Process of this Court to be an Attachment against the Body.

An Execution to go against the Body, Lands or Goods of the Defendant.

*Canadian* Advocats; Proctors; &c. may practise in this Court.

And whereas it is thought highly necessary for the Ease, Convenience, and Happiness of all His Majesty's loving Subjects, That Justices of the Peace should be appointed for the respective Districts of this Province, with Power of determining Property of small Value in a summary Way, *It is therefore further Ordained and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid*; and full Power is hereby Given and Granted to any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, within their respective Districts, to hear and finally determine in all Causes or Matters of Property, not exceeding the Sum of *Five Pounds* current Money of *Quebec*, and to any two Justices of the Peace, within their respective Districts, to hear and finally determine in all Causes or Matters of Property, not exceeding the Sum of *Ten Pounds* said Currency, which Decisions being within, and not exceeding the aforesaid Limitation, shall not be liable to an Appeal; and also full Power is, by the Authority aforesaid, Given and Granted, to any three of said Justices of the Peace to be a Quorum, with Power of holding Quarter-Sessions in their respective Districts every three Months, and also to hear and determine all Causes and Matters of Property which shall be above the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, and not exceeding *Thirty Pounds* current Money of *Quebec*, with Liberty of Appeal to either Party to the Superior Court, or Court of King's-Bench: *And it is hereby Ordered, That the aforesaid Justices of the Peace do issue their Warrants, directed to the Captains and other Officers of the Militia in this Province, to be by them executed, until the Provost-Marshal, legally authorized by His Majesty, shall arrive, and other inferior Officers be appointed for that Purpose; all Officers, Civil and Military, or other His Majesty's loving Subjects, are hereby commanded and required to be aiding and assisting to the said Justices and Officers of Militia in the due Execution of their Duty. And it is further Ordered and Directed, by the Authority aforesaid, That two of the said Justices of the Peace do sit weekly in Rotation, for the better Regulation of the Police, and other Matters and Things in the Towns of Quebec and Montreal, and that the Names of the Justices who are to sit in each Week, be posted up on the Door of the Session-House by the Clerk of the Peace, two Days before their respective Days of Sitting, that all Persons may know to whom to apply for Redress.*

And whereas there are not at present a sufficient Number of Protestant Subjects, resident in the intended District of *Trois-Rivieres*, qualified to be Justices of the Peace, and to hold Quarter-Sessions, *It is therefore further Ordained and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid*, That from henceforth this Province shall be divided into two Districts, to be known and called by the Names of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, for the Time being, and until there may be a competent Number of Persons settled at or near *Trois-Rivieres*, duly qualified to execute the Office of Justices of the Peace, and the Power of holding such Quarter-Sessions above-mentioned, or until His Majesty's Pleasure be known in that Behalf; and that the said two Districts be divided and bounded by the River *Godfroy* on the South, and by the River *St. Maurice* on the