

APPENDIX (F.)

43 GEO. III, CAP. CXXXVIII.

An Act for extending the Jurisdiction of the Courts of Justice in the Provinces of *Lower* and *Upper Canada*, to the Trial and Punishment of Persons guilty of Crimes and Offences within certain parts of *North America* adjoining to the said Provinces.

[11th August, 1803.]

‘ WHEREAS Crimes and Offences have been committed in the *Indian* Territories, and other Parts of *America*, not within the Limits of the Provinces of *Lower* or *Upper Canada*, or either of them, or of the Jurisdiction of any of the Courts established in those Provinces, or within the Limits of any Civil Government of the United States of *America*, and are therefore not cognizable by any Jurisdiction whatever, and by reason thereof great Crimes and Offences have gone and may hereafter go unpunished, and greatly increase:’ For Remedy whereof, may it please your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, all Offences committed within any of the *Indian* Territories, or Parts of *America* not within the Limits of either of the said Provinces of *Lower* or *Upper Canada*, or of any Civil Government of the United States of *America*, shall be and be deemed to be Offences of the same Nature, and shall be tried in the same Manner and subject to the same Punishment, as if the same had been committed within the Provinces of *Lower* or *Upper Canada*.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government for the Time being of the Province of *Lower Canada*, by Commission under his Hand and Seal, to authorize and empower any Person or Persons, wheresoever resident or being at the Time, to act as Civil Magistrates and Justices of the Peace for any of the *Indian* Territories or Parts of *America* not within the Limits of either of the said Provinces or of any Civil Government of the United States of *America*, as well as within the Limits of either of the said Provinces, either upon Information taken or given within the said Provinces of *Lower* or *Upper Canada*, or out of the said Provinces in any Part of the *Indian* Territories or Parts of *America* aforesaid, for the Purpose only of hearing Crimes and Offences, and committing any Person or Persons guilty of any Crime or Offence to safe Custody, in order to his or their being conveyed to the said Province of *Lower Canada*, to be dealt with according to Law; and it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whatever to apprehend and take before any Persons so commissioned as aforesaid, or to apprehend and convey, or cause to be safely conveyed with all convenient Speed, to the Province of *Lower Canada*, any Person or Persons guilty of any Crime or Offence, there to be delivered into safe Custody for the Purpose of being dealt with according to Law.

III. And be it further enacted, That every such Offender may and shall