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**BILL**

*To facilitate the recovery of small  
DEBTS, in certain parts of this  
Province.*

**W**HEREAS an easy and expeditious method for the recovery of small Debts, of the nature herein-after mentioned, within the Townships and Seignories herein-after specified, would be of great advantage to the inhabitants residing within the same—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 Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for making more effectual provision for the government of the Province of Quebec in North America," and to make further provision for the government of the said Province ;" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the government of this Province for the time being, by any Commission or Commissions to be by him issued under the Great Seal of this Province, to authorize and empower such or so many of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting in and for such Townships and Seignories respectively, as to him shall seem fit, to take cognizance of such causes and suits as are herein-after specified ; and for that purpose it shall and may also be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices, upon request or application to him or them made, to grant and issue, or cause to be granted and issued, a Summons to one or more person or persons, (which Summons shall be in the form herein-after mentioned) and shall not be returnable in less than two days ; and to hear, try, and determine, as shall appear to him or them agreeable to equity and good conscience, all causes and complaints brought before him or them, and arising within the Townships of Durham, Stanbridge, Sutton, Potton, Shefford, Stukely, and Compton, or within the Seignories Foucault, St. Armand, and Noyau, and in the Seignory and Borough of William Henry, and in such other Townships and newly settled Seignories as the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or person administering the government of the Pro-