

BILL.

An Act to amend the Act for the Summary Trial
of Small Causes in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS experience hath shewn the necessity of Preamble.
introducing certain changes in the provi-
sions of the Act passed in the seventh year of Her Ma-
jesty's Reign, chapter nineteen, intituled, "*An Act to pro-* 7. Vic., c. 19.
vide for the Summary Trial of Small Causes in Lower
Canada :" Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, No Commis-
That from and after the time when this Act shall come sioners' Court
into force, no Commissioners' Court shall be held in any to be held in
10 Parish, Township and extra-Parochial place in Lower and for any
Canada under the said Act, passed in the seventh year of Parish, &c.
Her Majesty's Reign, chapter nineteen: Provided always, A Commis-
and be it enacted, that when any number not less than sioners' Court
of the proprietors of lands or hereditaments may be estab-
15 in any County of Lower Canada, with the exception of lished for each
the Counties of Quebec and Montreal, shall present a County: to
petition to the Governor of this Province praying for the have the like
establishment of a Commissioners' Court for the purposes powers and
of the said Act cited in the Preamble of this Act, at the duties as to the
20 principal place in such County, it shall be lawful for the County as the
Governor to appoint one or more persons, and not more former Courts
than five, qualified as far as circumstances will allow, in had with re-
point of education and information, and able in any case gard to the
to read and write, residing in such County, to be Com- Parish, &c., in
25 missioner or Commissioners for such County, and to hold which they
therein one sole Commissioners' Court for the purposes were estab-
of the said Act, which Court shall be called "*The Com-* lished.
missioners' Court of the County of"
(adding thereto the name of the County for which it is
30 established,) and shall not in any manner be considered
as a new Court, notwithstanding any change made by the
present Act in its name, constitution or jurisdiction, and
shall be governed and conducted in conformity with the
provisions of the said Act, for all the purposes therein men-
35 tioned not being contrary to this Act, in like manner as
any of the Commissioners' Courts abolished by this Act,
and shall have the same jurisdiction, for the same pur-
poses, rights and actions, and shall take cognizance of the
same matters and to the same amount or value, within the
40 limits of the County for which it shall be established, with
regard to each and every person there resident, and in and
for the County for which the Commissioner or Commis-
sioners shall be appointed; the said Court shall sit and
hold its sittings at the principal place in each such Coun-