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An ACT to authorise Counsel to address Jurors in behalf of Prisoners in Capital Cases.

18th March, 1835.—Presented for His Majesty's Assent, and reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon.

23d February, 1836.—Assented to by His Majesty in His Council.

18th May, 1836.—The Royal Assent signified by the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that persons accused of capital crimes be intitled to plead by Counsel:—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 any Prisoner accused of any Capital Crime, may in all cases employ the ministry of any Advocate or Counsel in his defence, which said Advocate or Counsel may address the Jurors on the behalf of the Prisoner, in the same manner as in any other prosecution or accusation for any crime or misdemeanor whatsoever.

Counsel may address Jurors in behalf of Prisoners in Capital Cases.