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## Bill for the qualification of Justices of the Peace.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS, as well by the Criminal Laws of England in force in this Province, as by divers Acts of the Provincial Parliament, Justices of the Peace are invested with great power and authority, whereby it is become of the utmost consequence to all classes of His Majesty's Subjects, that none but persons well qualified should be permitted to act as such Justices of the Peace, which is amply provided for by divers wholesome Laws and Statutes of England, but the same have been holden not to have force of Law in this Province; and whereas it is highly expedient, that the provisions contained in the said Laws and Statutes of England should be enforced in this Province; 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                    day of

After justices to be appointed with the advice of the Chief Justice and Executive Council, no person residing in one district to execute the office of Justice of the Peace in another.

in the present year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty        all Justices of the Peace to be made in the several Districts of this Province, shall be made of the most sufficient persons dwelling in the same Districts, by the advice of His Majesty's Executive Council, and that no person dwelling in one District shall execute the office of Justice of the Peace in another District.

No practising Attorney to be a Justice of the Peace.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no Attorney, Solicitor, or Proctor in any Courts whatsoever, shall, from and after the said                    day of be capable to be or continue a Justice of the Peace in and for any District in this Province, during such time as he shall continue in the business and practice of an Attorney Solicitor or Proctor.

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III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the said