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An Act for regulating the Fur Trade, and establishing a Criminal and Civil Jurisdiction within certain Parts of *North America*. [2d July 1821.]

WHEREAS the Competition in the Fur Trade between the Governor and Company of Adventurers of *England* trading into *Hudson's Bay*, and certain Associations of Persons trading under the Name of "The North-west Company of *Montreal*," has been found for some Years past to be productive of great Inconvenience and Loss, not only to the said Company and Associations, but to the said Trade in general, and also of great Injury to the native *Indians*, and of other Persons Subjects of His Majesty: And whereas the Animosities and Feuds, arising from such Competition, have also for some Years past kept the Interior of *America*, to the Northward and Westward of the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and of the Territories of the United States of *America*, in a State of continued Disturbance: And whereas many Breaches of the Peace, and Violence extending to the Loss of Lives, and considerable Destruction of Property, have continually occurred therein: And whereas, for Remedy of such Evils, it is expedient and necessary that some more effectual Regulations should be established for the apprehending, securing, and bringing to Justice all Persons committing such Offences, and that His Majesty should be empowered to regulate the said Trade: And whereas Doubts have been entertained, whether the Provisions of an