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For the better Administration of Justice in *Newfoundland*, and for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to the said Colony.

WH^{EREAS} it is expedient to make further provision for the Administration of Justice in the Colony of *Newfoundland*: Preamble:

5 **Be it therefore Enacted** by The KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by His Charter, or Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to institute a superior Court of Judicature in *Newfoundland*, which shall be called "The Supreme Court of *Newfoundland*;" and the said Court shall be a court of record, and shall have all civil and criminal jurisdiction whatever in *Newfoundland*, and in all lands islands and territories dependant upon the government thereof, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as His Majesty's courts of King's Bench, Common Pleas, Exchequer, and high court of Chancery, in that part of Great Britain called *England* have, or any of them hath; and the said Supreme Court shall also be a court of Oyer and Terminer, and general Gaol Delivery in and for *Newfoundland*, and all places within the government thereof; and shall also have jurisdiction in all crimes and misdemeanors committed, and all suits and complaints of a civil nature arising on the bank of *Newfoundland*, or any of the seas or islands to which ships or vessels repair from *Newfoundland*, for carrying on the Fishery.

His Majesty may institute a supreme Court of Judicature in Newfoundland.

25 And be it further Enacted, That the said Supreme Court shall be holden by a Chief Justice, who shall be a Barrister of *England*, and shall be appointed as such Chief Justice by His Majesty, His

Such Supreme Court to be holden by a Chief Justice.