

32 GEO. III. Cap. 46.

*An act for establishing courts of judicature in the island of Newfoundland, and the islands adjacent.*

Preamble.

His Majesty, under the great seal, may institute a court of criminal and civil jurisdiction at Newfoundland, &c.

**F**OR the better administration of justice in the island of *Newfoundland*, and the islands adjacent; be it 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 commission under the great seal, to institute a court of criminal and civil jurisdiction, to be called, *The supreme court of judicature of the island of Newfoundland*, with full power and authority to hold plea of all crimes and misdemeanors committed within the island of *Newfoundland*, and on the islands and seas to which ships or vessels repair from the island of *Newfoundland*, for carrying on the fishery, and on the banks of *Newfoundland*, in the same manner as plea is holden of crimes and misdemeanors committed in that part of *Great Britain* called *England*, and also with full power and authority to hold plea, as herein-after mentioned, of all suits and complaints of a civil nature, arising within the island of *Newfoundland*, and on the islands and seas aforesaid, and on the banks of *Newfoundland*; which court