
Bill to repeal in part and amend an Act passed in the 34th year of the reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, "an Act for the division of the Province of *Lower-Canada* for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein mentioned," and to make further and better regulations for the administration of Justice.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN;

Preamble.

WHEREAS a prompt, uniform, and effective administration of Justice is necessary to the general peace and welfare of Society, not only from the security it affords but from the confidence it inspires, thereby producing a ready obedience and respectful submission to the Laws, and forming one of the greatest supports of Civil Government and of the just rights of every class of subjects; and whereas from the great increase and extension of the population, trade and agriculture of your Majesty's Province of *Lower-Canada*, it has been found that the District Courts of King's Bench as at present constituted under and by virtue of an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled, "An Act for the division of the Province of *Lower-Canada*, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein mentioned," have become inadequate to the beneficial discharge of the multiplied and increasing duties which by the provisions of the said Act are exclusively imposed on the said Courts and the Justices thereof, and also that the inferior duties thereby allotted to the said Justices have now become so numerous and burthensome as to occasion great delays and much public inconvenience, and have and do prevent and materially interfere with the due and correct discharge of the higher and more important duties of the said Justices in the superior Terms of the said Courts; to remedy all which it is necessary that some speedy change and other provision should be made for the summary trial of small causes, to exempt