
Bill to ascertain the qualifications and regulate the summoning of Jurors in Criminal Cases.

Preamble.

Qualifications of
persons return-
ed to serve as
Jurors.

WHEREAS none ought to be admitted to serve as Jurors but such as are duly qualified, and it would improve the administration of Justice in criminal matters, if the qualification of Jurors were clearly defined and easily ascertained : And whereas it is expedient to regulate the summoning of Jurors in Criminal matters : 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 for making further provision for the Government of the said Province :* And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that no person shall be returned or shall serve as Juror in any Court of the King's Bench holding Criminal Pleas, or in any Court of Oyer and Terminer or general Gaol Delivery, or in any Session of the Peace for any District in this Province, unless he have in his own name or in trust for him, within the same District, Pounds by the year, at least, above all charges, in Lands or Tenements, either in fief, *en roture*, or in free and common soccage, either in full property, or by usufruct, or by *Bail Emphiteôtique*, originally created for more than twenty-one years, or by lease for one or more lives, or for his own life, or in *rentes foncières* accruing from such Lands and Tenements, or unless he be a householder in some City or Town within such District, paying house rent at the rate of Pounds per annum at the least.

Justices of the Peace, at a Special Session, shall divide the Counties of Quebec, Montreal and St. Maurice into a certain number of Wards.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Justices of the Peace of the several Districts of *Quebec*, *Montreal* and *Three-Rivers* respectively, at a Special Session to be holden yearly and every year in the last ten days of May, at the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and the Town of *Three-Rivers* ; shall