CAP. II.

An Act to facilitate the Administration of Justice respecting *Enquêtes* in Civil Matters before the Court of King's Bench for the Districts of Quebec, Montreal, Three-Rivers, and Inferior District of Saint Francis.

[31st March, 1831.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary to facilitate the Administration of Justice in the District of Montreal, in matters relating to Enquêtes in the Superior Terms of the Court of King's Bench for the said District, and also in the Inferior District of St. Francis:—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 to make further provision for "the Government of the said Province;" And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that upon the expiration of a certain Act passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, chapter five, intituled, "An "Act to provide for the appointment of *Commissaires Enquêteurs* for the District of "Montreal, and other purposes relating to the Administration of Justice in the said "District", which will be on the first day of May next, the Enquêtes in causes in the Superior Terms of the Court of King's Bench, for the said District of Montreal, as well as in the Districts of Quebec and Three Rivers, shall be taken before a single Judge, or before more than one Judge of the said Court, as well in Term as in vacation, and that for that purpose it shall be lawful for the said Judges of the said Court of King's Bench, in the said Districts of Quebec and Montreal, and Three Rivers, to assign one Room or more than one Room in the said Court House, for the taking of such Enquêtes therein, and to fix the number of Clerks or writers whom the Prothonotaries of the said Court shall employ for the taking of such Enquêtes, accordingly as the case shall require.

On the Expiration of Act 9, Geo. IV. cap. 5, Enquêtes in Term as well as in vacation may be taken in the Courts of King's Bench of Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers.

Justices of the Court of King's Bench in cases of Trial by Jury may try the issue of fact, and receive the verdict of Juries in vacation.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, the Justices of the Court of King's Bench, sitting in the said Districts of Quebec, and Montreal, and Three Rivers, or any one of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized in all cases of trial by Jury, in Civil Matters, to try the issue of fact and to receive the verdict of Juries in vacation, between the Superior Terms of the said Court of King's Bench on such days as during the Terms of the said Court,