

Canada, and the offices of Resident Judge of the District of Three-Rivers, and of Provincial Judge of the District of St. Francis, shall be and the said Courts and offices are hereby abolished.

Superior Court established.

How constituted.

Residence of the Judges.

Who may be appointed a Judge.

Provisions of the Judges' independence Act 7 V. c. 15, to apply.

General jurisdiction of the S. Court.

III. And be it enacted, That there shall be and there is hereby established in and for Lower Canada, a Court of Record of civil jurisdiction for Lower Canada to be called the "Superior Court;" which Court shall consist of eight Judges, that is to say, of a Chief Justice and seven Puisné Judges, to be appointed from time to time by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors by Letters-Patent under the great Seal of this Province; and four of the said Judges shall reside at the City of Montreal, and four at the City of Quebec.

IV. And be it enacted, That no person shall be appointed a Judge of the said Superior Court, unless he shall immediately before his appointment, be a Justice of one of the said several Courts of Queen's Bench, or a Circuit or District Judge, or an Advocate of at least ten years' standing at the Bar of Lower Canada.

V. And be it enacted, That all the provisions of the Act passed in the Session held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to render the Judges of the Courts of King's Bench, in that part of this Province heretofore Lower Canada, independent of the Crown*, shall apply to the Judges of the said Superior Court as fully as if they had been specially named therein; and that no such Judge shall sit in the Executive Council or in the Legislative Council, or in the Legislative Assembly, or hold any other place of profit under the Crown, so long as he shall be such Judge.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said Superior Court shall have original civil jurisdiction throughout Lower Canada,