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Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," and by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, after the passing of this Act, to appoint three Commissioners, who, together with the Chief Justice of this Province, the Vice-Chancellor, the Judges of Her Majesty's Court of King's Bench, and the Sheriffs of the several Districts in this Province, shall compose a Board of Commissioners for the purposes of this Act.

Future. Gaols to be built according to a plan to be approved by Commissioners, and unless approved, not to be the Gaol of District.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this Act, every Gaol that shall be erected in this Province, shall be made and built according to a plan which shall be approved of by such Commissioners, or a majority of them; and no Gaol that shall be built in any District otherwise than according to a plan prescribed by them, or that shall not after its completion receive their sanction and approbation, shall be deemed to be in Law the Gaol of such District.

Manner of disposing of existing contracts for erection of Gaols, &c. and making compensation to contractors.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if a contract shall before the passing of this Act have been entered into, for the erection of any Gaol in this Province, which contract shall only have been partly carried into effect, or shall not have been to any extent proceeded in, the Justices or other persons superintending or directing the erection of such Building, or any who shall have entered into the contract for the same, shall immediately, on having notice of this Act, suspend all proceeding under such contract, and shall forthwith submit their contract, with the plans and specifications, to the consideration of the Board of Commissioners; and the Board shall determine as soon as may be practicable, whether it may be expedient to proceed upon such contract or to abandon the same, or to erect such Gaol wholly or in part upon a different plan; and that in case it shall be determined by the Commissioners not to proceed under the existing contract, then the amount of damages, if any, which the Contractor or Contractors may be justly entitled to receive, on account of the abandonment of such contract shall be ascertained by arbitration, and that the said Board of Commissioners shall appoint two persons, and the Contractor or Contractors two other persons, to be respectively Arbitrators in their behalf, which four persons shall choose a fifth, and the award of such five Arbitrators, or a majority of them, shall be final; *Provided always,* that the proceedings of such Arbitrators shall be governed by the same rules, and the Arbitrators shall have the same power as in ordinary cases of Arbitration, and the award to be made by them shall be subject to be set aside by the Court of King's Bench, in like manner as awards made in other cases.