

Chief Justices or other
Judges may hold criminal
Courts, &c.

LIV. And whereas inconveniences may result and have heretofore resulted, from the provisions of the existing Laws, which required the presence of the Chief Justices of the Province, or of the Chief Justice of the District of Montreal, with another Judge for holding the Courts for Criminal matters; be it therefore further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said Courts for the administration of Justice in criminal matters, may be holden in the Districts of Quebec, Montreal and Three-Rivers by either of the said Chief Justices, or by any one or more of the said Judges of the Civil Courts, or one of the Judges of the Court of Appeal herein after established by this Act, which Judge or Judges shall exercise all the authority, jurisdiction and power which are at present vested in the Judges of the Terms of the Courts of King's Bench, established for the administration of Justice in criminal matters, by virtue of the said Act of the 34th year of the reign of His late Majesty Geo. III. Cap. 6.

Two Judges to determine applications for a new trial, or in arrest of judgement.

LV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all cases in which there may be a motion for a new Trial, or in Arrest of Judgement, or to pronounce Judgement, the presence of two of the Judges of the said Court, besides that of the Judge who shall have presided at the Trial before the Jury, shall be necessary.

The number of Judges increased.

LVI. And whereas the number of Judges at present fixed for holding the Courts of King's Bench, in the Districts of Quebec and Montreal, would be insufficient for holding the said superior and inferior Civil Courts. Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in the District of Quebec there shall be appointed Judges, and in the District of Montreal Judges, to hold the said Civil Superior and Inferior Courts in the said Districts respectively.

A new Court of Appeal established.

LVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act the Court of Appeal established and constituted, by virtue and under the authority of the said Act of the Provincial Parliament, of the 34th year of the Reign of His late Majesty Geo. III. chapter 6, shall cease to exercise any power, jurisdiction or authority whatever, and that in the place and stead of the said Court there shall be, and there is hereby constituted a Court of Appeal established in the manner herein-after mentioned.

How constituted.

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