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but the same to be perfected as if this Ordinance had not been made. awarded and not yet returned, and to levy the Debt and Costs and make such Return to the Justice or Justices awarding the same, as he would have done before the Publication of this Ordinance.

Preamble to the Clause for erecting a new Jurisdiction. And whereas the providing an Easy, plain, and summary Method of Proceeding for the Recovery of small Debts, with a due Regard at the same time to a Certain Degree of Solemnity and Deliberation, which ought ever to accompany the Administration of Public Justice, very much contributes to promote Industry, and to support and Encourage useful Credit :

All disputes for Sums not exceeding £12aforesaid, to be heard before the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas only, except as after excepted. It is therefore ordained and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Day of the Date of the Publication aforesaid, all Manner of Disputes and Differences between Party and Party for any Sum not exceeding Twelve Pounds Currency of this Province, except as is hereinafter excepted, shall be heard, tried, and adjudged before the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas for the Time being only, who are hereby authorized and required to take Cognizance thereof, and the same to hear, adjudge and finally determine as to them shall seem just in Law and Equity, any Ordinance or Ordinances, or any Clause, Matter or Thing in them or any of them contained, to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Preamble to the Clause for fixing the Court of Common Pleas at Montreal. And whereas some Inconveniences have arisen from the present Practice of adjourning the Court of Common Pleas from Quebec to Montreal, and from the want of a fixed, settled, and Established Court for the hearing and determining all matters arising within the District of Montreal, before Judges specially appointed for that District, and constantly residing within the same;

Court of Common Pleas at Montreal constituted an Independent Court, with original Jurisdiction, It is further Ordained and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Day of the Date of the Publication of this Ordinance, the Court of Common Pleas, heretofore held by Adjournment at different Days and Times in the Town of Montreal, and considered and taken to be a Part or Member of the Court of Common Pleas established at Quebec, shall be, and it is hereby constituted a Court of Record, with Original Jurisdiction of its own, independent of, and no wise connected with the Court of Common Pleas established at Quebec, which Court of Common Pleas for the District of Montreal shall, for the future, be held before Judges constantly residing within the said Town of Montreal, who shall have the same Power and Authority, and the same is hereby given and granted. to them to hear and determine within the District of Montreal, and to award Execution, and to do and execute all and every Matter or Thing touching the Administration of Justice, in as full and ample a manner as is now or has at any Time been used,

in all Matters arising within the District of Montreal,