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To direct the manner in which the Justices of the Peace of this Province shall keep a Register of their Proceedings, and to regulate the manner in which they are annually to account for Fines and Penalties by them levied, pursuant to Law.

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WHEREAS it is expedient that the Justices of the Peace ~~in the country places throughout the Province~~, should keep register or remembrance of their proceedings in the execution of their offices, pursuant to Law, to the end that in all cases wherein their proceedings and decisions may be liable to revision by superior authority, the same may fully and manifestly appear. And whereas it is also expedient to regulate the manner in which the Justices of the Peace shall annually account for the Fines by them imposed, levied and received, according to Law; 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 the said Justices of the Peace throughout the Country Parishes, Seigneuries, Townships and Places in this Province, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be bound to keep, in a Register to be by them severally provided for the purpose, true and faithful minutes or memorandums at length of every proceeding, decision or conviction which shall at any time hereafter be by them severally made, pursuant to any Law or Statute in force in this Province.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all cases which are cognizable by any two or more Justices of the peace, the minutes or memorandums thereof as by this act required shall be kept by the senior Justice of the Peace.

*To be subscribed by the
senior Justice of the
Peace who shall have
been present during the proceedings which may have been had*