

*Administration of Justice (Vancouver's Island).*

into, incurred, or arising within the said *Indian Territories* and other Parts of *America*, and all and every Wrong and Injury to the Person or to Property, real or personal, committed or done within the same, should be and be deemed to be of the same Nature, and be cognizable by the same Courts, Magistrates, or Justices of the Peace, and be tried in the same Manner, and subject to the same Consequences in all respects, as if the same had been made, entered into, incurred, arisen, committed, or done within the said Province of *Upper Canada*, and in the same Act are contained Provisions for giving Force, Authority, and Effect within the said *Indian Territories* and other Parts of *America* to the Process and Acts of the said Courts of *Upper Canada*; and it was thereby also enacted, that it should be lawful for His Majesty, if He should deem it convenient so to do, to issue a Commission or Commissions to any Person or Persons to be and act as Justices of the Peace within such Parts of *America* as aforesaid, as well within any Territories theretofore granted to the Company of Adventurers of *England* trading to *Hudson's Bay* as within the *Indian Territories* of such other Parts of *America* as aforesaid; and it was further enacted, that it should be lawful for His Majesty from Time to Time by any Commission under the Great Seal to authorize and empower any such Persons so appointed Justices of the Peace as aforesaid to sit and hold Courts of Record for the Trial of Criminal Offences and Misdemeanors, and also of Civil Causes, and it should be lawful for His Majesty to order, direct, and authorize the Appointment of proper Officers to act in aid of such Courts and Justices within the Jurisdiction assigned to such Courts and Justices in any such Commission, provided that such Courts should be constituted; as to the Number of Justices to preside therein, and as to such Places within the said Territories of the said Company, or any *Indian Territories* or other Parts of *North America* as aforesaid, and the Times and Manner of holding the same, as His Majesty should from Time to Time order and direct, but should not try any Offender upon any Charge or Indictment for any Felony made the Subject of Capital Punishment, or for any Offence or passing Sentence affecting the Life of any Offender, or adjudge or cause any Offender to suffer Capital Punishment or Transportation, or take cognizance of or try any Civil Action or Suit in which the Cause of such Suit or Action should exceed in Value the Amount or Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and in every Case of any Offence subjecting the Person committing the same to Capital Punishment or Transportation the Court, or any Judge of any such Court, or any Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom any such Offender should be brought, should commit such Offender to safe Custody, and cause such Offender to be sent in such Custody for Trial in the Court of the Province of *Upper Canada* :

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