

**BILL.**

**An Act to amend the Act providing for the Summary  
Decision of Small Causes in Lower Canada.**

**W**HEREAS experience hath shewn the necessity of intro- Preamble.  
ducing certain alterations in the provisions of an Act  
passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act 7 V. c. 19.*  
" *Act to provide for the Summary Trial of Small Causes in Lower*  
5 "*Canada;*" Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That a petition signed by an absolute majority of the inhabitants of a Parish, Seigniorly or Township in Lower Canada, in which there now is, or in which there may then be a Court for the trial of Small Causes, and who are entitled to vote at the election of  
10 Municipal Councillors, which petition shall have annexed to it a certificate of at least three persons residing in such Parish, Seigniorly or Township, (and who shall be respectively either Justices of the Peace or Officers of Militia holding rank higher than an Ensign,) certifying that the persons signing the petition do really  
15 form an absolute majority of the Municipal Electors residing in such Parish, Seigniorly or Township, the said petition praying that the Commissioners' Court in the said Parish, Seigniorly or Township may be suspended or discontinued, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to suspend or discontinue it; Provided always,  
20 that after the passing of this present Act, no Commissioners' Court shall be established or re-established, unless on a petition signed by an absolute majority of the Municipal Electors of a Parish, Seigniorly or Township in Lower Canada, and certified as aforesaid.

Court may be discontinued on petition of an absolute majority of the Municipal Electors of the place.

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