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Decision of Small Causes in Lower Canada.**

WHEREAS 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, Seigniorie 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, Seigniorie or Township, (and who shall be respectively either Justices of the Peace or Officers of Militia holding rank higher than an
15 Ensign,) certifying that the persons signing the petition do really form an absolute majority of the Municipal Electors residing in such Parish, Seigniorie or Township, the said petition praying that the Commissioners' Court in the said Parish, Seigniorie or Township may be suspended or discontinued, it shall be lawful for the
20 Governor in Council to suspend or discontinue it; Provided always, 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, Seigniorie or Township in Lower Canada, and certified as aforesaid.