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An Act further to amend the Laws relating to the Summoning of Jurors in Lower Canada.

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WHEREAS great inconvenience has been experienced in the Preamble. administration of Justice in Lower Canada, from the want of a sufficient number of Petit Jurors attending the several Courts having criminal jurisdiction, and it is necessary for the purpose of securing the attendance of larger numbers, to reduce the qualification of Petit Jurors ; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That the eighth Section of the Act passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered thirteen, and intituled, "An Act to regulate the summoning of 10 "Jurors in Lower Canada," shall be and is hereby repealed. Sec. 8 of 10 and 11 V., c. 13, repealed.

II. That the Sheriffs of the Districts of Quebec, Montreal, Three Rivers and St. Francis, respectively, shall inscribe on the lists of Petit Jurors to be by them made in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, the name of every person resident in the Cities of Quebec and 15 Montreal and the Towns of Three Rivers and Sherbrooke, respectively, or resident within ten leagues of the said Cities and Towns, and occupying any house as tenant and paying for the same a yearly rent of or above the sum of seven pounds ten shillings currency, and less than forty pounds currency, and not specially 20 exempted by law from serving as a Petit Juror. Sheriffs of Quebec, Montreal, Three Rivers and St. Francis to enter certain persons on the lists of Petit Jurors.

III. And whereas doubts have been raised as to whether the provisions regulating the summoning of Grand and Petit Jurors in and for the District of Gaspé, contained in the Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to establish the District of Gaspé, and to provide for the due administration of Justice therein," were repealed by any of the provisions contained in the Act aforesaid passed in the Session held in the tenth and eleventh years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An 25 "Act to regulate the summoning of Jurors in Lower Canada;" Recital. Certain provisions of 7 V., c. 17, not affected by 10 and 11 V., c. 18. 30 Be it therefore declared and enacted, that the several provisions relating to the summoning of Grand and Petit Jurors contained in the Act in this Section first cited, have been and shall remain as fully in force as if the Act in this Section secondly cited had never been passed.