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**An Act to amend the Laws relative to
Commissioners' Courts for the Trial of
Small Causes in Lower Canada.**

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B I L L .

An Act to amend the Laws relative to Commissioners' Courts for the Trial of Small Causes in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS, for the prevention of fraud, it is expedient to Preamble.
make provision for the due attestation of the Signatures to
the Petitions for the discontinuance or re-establishment of Com-
missioners' Courts, under the Act passed in the present Session and
intituled, "*An Act to amend the Act providing for the summary* 16 V., c. 14.
decision of Small Causes in Lower Canada," Be it therefore
enacted, &c.,

That before any Petition under the Act cited in the Preamble of this
Act, either for the discontinuance or for the re-establishment of a
10 Commissioners' Court in any Parish, Seigniory or Township, shall be
certified by any Justice of the Peace or Officer of Militia, as being
signed by an absolute majority of the Municipal Electors residing in
such Parish, Seigniory or Township, each signature shall be attested
on oath, before some Justice of the Peace residing in the County in
15 which such Parish, Seigniory or Township shall lie, by some Muni-
cipal Elector of such Parish, Seigniory or Township known to such
Justice of the Peace, in the following form or words to the like
effect:

Signatures of
Petitioners
under 16 V.,
c. 14, to be at-
tested on oath,
and in what
manner.

"I, M. N., swear that A. B., C. D. and E. F. (*inserting the names* Form of oath.
20 "*of the party or parties whose signature or signatures is to be at-*
tested,) signed the above written Petition in my presence; that I
"am personally acquainted with him (*or them*) and know that he is
"(*or each of them is*) a Municipal Elector of the Parish (Seigniory
"or Township) of (*if any of the signers make their marks*
25 "*instead of signing their names, add,*) and that the said Petition
"was read over distinctly and explained to those of the said signers,
"who have made their marks thereto instead of signing their names."
(*Signature,*) M. N.

"Sworn before me, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace
"for the County of _____ by M. N., (*trade, profession*
30 "*or quality*) who is personally known by me as a Municipal Elector
"of the Parish (Seigniory or Township) of _____ and as a
"person worthy of credit, at this day of 185 ."
O. K.
J. P.

35 And if any signature be not so attested, it shall not be counted
in ascertaining the number of persons signing such Petition: Pro- Proviso.
vided always that the signatures of different signers of any Petition
may be attested by different witnesses, and any number thereof may
be attested by one witness, and that the mark of any person attested
40 as aforesaid shall be counted as a signature.