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## **BILL.**

**An Act to authorise the Holding of a  
Second Term of the Superior Court,  
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**W**HEREAS the increase of population and of trade Preamble.  
in the District of Gaspé may render it expedient that two terms of the "Superior Court," now by law required to sit but once a year in the said District should hereafter be held annually therein, and it therefore is expedient to invest the Executive with power to that effect:—Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same; On certain presentments and Petitions, the Governor may authorize the holding of a second term of the Superior Court annually in Gaspé.  
That whensoever and so soon as a second term, in addition to the term of the "Superior Court," now by law held but once a year in the District of Gaspé, shall be by the inhabitants of the said District deemed conducive and necessary to their general welfare, and presentments or petitions to that effect from a Grand Jury in each of the Counties of Gaspé and Bonaventure, requesting the appointment of a second term of the said Superior Court in the aforesaid District, shall have been submitted to the Governor; it shall be lawful for His Excellency, if he shall see fit, in accordance therewith, to direct and authorise, by proclamation, and in the manner provided in and by the seventy seventh section of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act 12 v. c. 3rd, cited.  
"to amend the laws relative to the Courts of original "civil jurisdiction in Lower Canada," (in respect to the altering of the terms of the Courts by the article to which is prefixed the words "IN THE SAID DISTRICT OF GASPE," included in and making part of the said Section) a second term of the said Superior Court to be annually thereafter held in the said District, at the same places and for the like periods or number of days as heretofore, and with the same powers and authority to the Judges holding the said term, to all legal intents and purposes as if appointed and constituted under the aforesaid last recited Act; but subject always to the modifications thereof as provided in and by an Act of the twelfth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the law relative to 12 Vict. c. 40, cited.  
"the administration of justice in Gaspé," and to the other provisions of this last mentioned Act.

II. Provided always and be it enacted, That to each of the presentments or petitions that may be submitted Justice of the Peace to express their

opinion as to  
the expedience  
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on the subject from the aforesaid counties of Gaspé and Bonaventure to the Governor, the names and signatures of the foreman and at least twelve of the Grand Jury making the presentment or petition to His Excellency be subscribed thereto, and that the opinion also of the justices of the peace or a majority of them, holding the General Sessions whereat such presentment or petition has been made be expressed upon the subject matter thereof in writing subscribed with their signatures and annexed to the presentment or petition for His Excellency's consideration; and that without the opinion so expressed in writing of such justices of the peace, (whose duty, however, it shall be in forwarding to the Governor such presentment or petition to express their opinions thereupon, and to submit therewith such remarks as may seem to them expedient, pointing out jointly or severally as they shall see fit, their views of the advantages or inconveniences that might accrue to the public from compliance with the suggestions or prayer of the petition, and the expedience or the reverse, as they may view the matter, of complying therewith) no effect shall be given to the presentments or petitions submitted to the Executive on the subject:

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