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An Act to provide for the more speedy recovery of small debts in places where no Commissioners' Court exists, in Lower Canada.

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**An Act to provide for the more speedy recovery of small debts in places where no Commissioners' Court exists, in Lower Canada.**

**WHEREAS** in those parts of Lower Canada where no Commissioners' Court exists, great loss and inconvenience have arisen from the want of some more speedy mode of recovering small debts than now exists, and it is fitting and expedient to supply that want; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

Preamble.

I. All cases of the jurisdiction of Commissioners' Courts in Lower Canada, may be heard, tried and determined, in the manner prescribed for the recovery of wages due to seamen of vessels belonging to or registered in Lower Canada, by any two Justices of the Peace residing at or near any place in Lower Canada where no such Commissioners' Court exists, and where the cause of action arose or the debtor is or may be found: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable any Justice of the Peace to sit or act as such, at any place not within the District for which he shall have been appointed.

Where there is no Commissioners' Court, cases may be heard by two Justices.

Proviso.

II. It shall be the duty of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in each of the Districts in Lower Canada, within one year from the passing of this Act, to frame a tariff of fees in cases to be heard, tried and determined under this Act.

Court of Q. S. to make tariff of fees.

III. This Act shall apply to Lower Canada only.

Act limited to L. C.