

A.D. 1859.

Seal.

4. The said Court shall have and use, as occasion shall require, a seal bearing Her Majesty's Royal Arms, with an exergue or label enclosing the same, with the inscription "The Seal of the Supreme Court of British Columbia."

Jurisdiction.

5. The said Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia shall have complete cognizance of all pleas, whatsoever, and shall have jurisdiction in all cases, civil as well as criminal, arising within the said Colony of British Columbia.

Process under old  
style continued  
under new.

6. All process heretofore issued by or under the authority of the said Matthew Baillie Begbie, or issued out of the Court over which he hath heretofore presided, shall be valid and effectual notwithstanding the alteration in the style and seal of the said Court, and shall be enforced under the name and style hereby given to the said Court, in the same manner as if the same had been originally issued in such last mentioned name, and under the seal hereby authorized to be used.

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## CHAP. 52.

A.D. 1868.

An Ordinance respecting the Supreme Courts of Justice of British Columbia.

[1st May, 1868.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, before and at the time of the passing of the "British Columbia Act, 1866," there were within the limits of the present Colony of British Columbia two Supreme Courts of Justice, having jurisdiction respectively, the one over the then Colony of Vancouver Island, and the other over the then Colony of British Columbia:

And whereas certain doubts have arisen as to the respective powers and jurisdiction of the said two Courts, and of the Judges thereof, since the passing of the said Act and the union of the said two Colonies thereunder:

And whereas it is desirable that such doubts should be removed:

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

A.D. 1868.

1. All the jurisdiction, powers, and authorities which before the passing of the "British Columbia Act, 1866," were by law vested in and had and exercisable by the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of the Colony of Vancouver Island, and in and by the Chief Justice thereof, both in civil and criminal matters and proceedings, shall be deemed and taken to have continued so vested in, and to have been had and exercisable by, the said Court and the said Chief Justice thereof, as if the said Act had not been passed.

Powers and jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Vancouver Island.

2. Whenever, in any of the Ordinances made and passed in the last Session of the Legislature of this Colony, the words "The Supreme Court," "The Supreme Court of Civil Justice," "The Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia," "or other superior Courts" shall occur, the same shall, henceforward and unless repugnant to the plain sense of the context, be and be deemed to have been, from the date of the passing of such Ordinances respectively, for the Mainland "The Supreme Court of Civil Justice of British Columbia," for Vancouver Island and its Dependencies "The Supreme Court of Civil Justice of the Colony of Vancouver Island."

Interpretation clause.

3. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the "Courts Declaratory Ordinance, 1868."

Short Title.

## CHAP. 53.

An Ordinance to regulate the Supreme Courts of Justice of British Columbia.

A.D. 1869.

[1st March, 1869.]

WHEREAS it is expedient, for the avoidance of all doubt, further to declare, define and regulate the jurisdiction and power of the Supreme Courts of the Colony, and the Judges thereof, in manner hereinafter mentioned:

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—