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NO. 17.

An Ordinance to define the jurisdiction of County Courts under the "Small Debts Act, 1859."

[5th April, 1866.

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen as to the exact limit of the jurisdiction of the County Court Judges, under the Small Debts Act, 1859, and in particular whether costs, in addition to the sum of Fifty Pounds therein mentioned, are recoverable under any judgment in a County Court;

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

I. All County Court Judges shall have and be deemed and taken to have had full jurisdiction in all matters and causes of the like nature and value as might have been sued for, recovered, and entertained in any County Court in England, under any Act of the Imperial Parliament, made and passed before the 19th day of November, 1858, save only as to the probate of wills and the administration of intestate estates.

II. This Ordinance shall be cited for all purposes as "The County Court Jurisdiction Ordinance, 1866."

Passed the Legislative Council the 5th day of April, A.D. 1866.

CHARLES GOOD, Clerk of the Council.

H. M. BALL, Presiding Member.

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this 5th day of April, 1866.

ARTHUR N. BIRCH, Administering the Government.