

Duty of the Clerk of the Peace and of the Grand Jury of the District of Montreal.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Peace of the District of Montreal, annually, at the general session of the Peace for the said District, in the April Term, to notify the Grand Jury of the duty imposed upon them by the second section of the said Act, passed in the fifty-eighth year of the reign of His late Majesty, and the Grand Jury shall, annually, at the said term accordingly nominate four persons qualified as in and by the said section it is provided and enacted, who shall, upon the retirement of those they are intended to replace, immediately enter on office.

C A P. V.

AN ACT to establish the manner of issuing Licences on which Duties are imposed by any Laws in force in this Province.

(7th March, 1827.)

Preamble.

Licences imposing duties to be issued under the Seal at Arms of the Governor, &c. certified by such person as he shall appoint to affix the same, and under the signature of the Secretary of the Province, &c.

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish the manner of issuing Licences upon which Duties are imposed by any Law in force in this Province : Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, " An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " *An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America ;*" and to make further " provision for the Government of the said Province : " And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, all Licences to be granted by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province, under any Law now in force in this Province imposing duties thereon, shall be issued under the Seal at Arms of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, certified by such person as the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, shall appoint to affix the same, and under the signature of the Secretary of the Province, or of the person executing the office of the Secretary of the Province, for the time being, any law, usage or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Such Licences to be afterwards deli-

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said Secretary
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counts.

Licences shall so have had the seal affixed thereto, the same shall be delivered to the Secretary or person executing the duties of Secretary of the Province by the person who shall have affixed the seal, taking receipts in duplicate for the number delivered, one of which receipts shall be lodged with the Inspector-General of Public Provincial Accounts.

C A P. VI.

AN Act for more effectually preventing trivial and vexatious Law-Suits, and for restricting the Costs thereupon.

(7th March, 1827.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient, for the prevention of trivial and vexatious Suits at Law, in Actions for personal wrongs to be compensated in damages, whereby divers of His Majesty's subjects are oftentimes put to great inconvenience and expense, to make provision with respect to Costs, and in certain cases to limit the same : Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, " An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North-America ;*" and to make " further provision for the Government of the said Province : " And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that in all such Actions, the Plaintiff, in case the Court or Jury shall find the damages to be under the value of forty shillings sterling, shall not recover or obtain more costs of suit than the damages so found shall amount to.

Costs of suit
limited in cer-
tain cases.

C A P. VII.

AN Act for affording relief, during a limited time, to Insolvent Debtors.

(7th March, 1827.)

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to afford relief to a limited extent from arrest under Writs of *Capias ad satisfaciendum* to Insolvent Debtors ; Be it therefore