

Power given to the Magistrates in certain cases to exempt from Statute labor on the highways.

for any Town, Township, or place within this Province, shall be compelled to work on the Highways three days in every year, within the Township, Town, or place he may reside in, under the same penalty as is imposed by any Act on persons rated on the Assessment List; and whereas, in some instances the operation of the said provision may be found too severe, *Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That from and after the passing of this Act, persons gaining their livelihood by the wages of daily labor, and possessing no ratable property, or not being assessed at more than twenty-five pounds, who, by reason of age, sickness, or numerous family, or misfortune, may be in poor and indigent circumstances, and also, persons emigrating to this Province with intent to become permanent Settlers and Landholders therein, and not having resided six months in the Province, may apply to the Justices at any Special or Petty Sessions, held for the District wherein such person shall reside, and the said Justices, having first given notice to the Overseer to appear on the part of the Township or place to which such person may belong, shall examine and inquire into the situation and circumstances of the person making such application, and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of such Justices, or the majority of them there assembled, that such person is really poor and indigent, and a deserving object of such relief, or that he has emigrated to this Province with intent to become a permanent Settler and Land-holder therein, and has not resided six months in the Province, the said Justices may, in their discretion, exempt such person respectively from the performance of such Statute duty upon the Highways, and from all composition money in lieu thereof.

This Act not to vary or annul any provision except as herein expressly enacted.

XIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed to vary, repeal, or annul any clause, matter, or thing in the said Acts contained, further than is herein expressly declared and enacted.

Continuance of this Act.

XIV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That this Act shall continue and be in force for eight years, and from thence to the end of the then next ensuing Session of Parliament, and no longer.

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## C H A P. IX.

An Act to repeal and amend certain parts of an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "*An Act to establish a COURT for the COGNIZANCE of SMALL CAUSES in each and every DISTRICT of this Province;*" and also, of an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "*An Act to extend the JURISDICTION and regulate the Proceedings of the DISTRICT COURTS and COURT of REQUESTS.*"

[Passed 12th July, 1819.]

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS, it is expedient to alter and amend the Table of Fees now established by an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's

Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to establish a Court for the Cognizance of small Causes, in each and every District in this Province," and to repeal part of an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to extend the Jurisdiction and regulate the proceedings of the District Court and Court of Requests;" Be it 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 Upper 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 by the authority of the same, That part of the thirteenth clause of the said first recited, and the fourth clause of the last recited Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

34th Geo 3. c 3, amended.

4th clause 37th Geo. 3. c 6, repealed.

II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the table of fees as established under and by virtue of the above first recited Act, and as relates to the Clerk and Judge, for filing declaration, and on every declaration filed, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the following fees be allowed to the Clerk and Judge of the said District Court, as aforesaid.

To the Clerk, for every Summons issued, two Shillings.

To the Judge, on every Summons issued, two Shillings and six pence: on every Jury impanelled, five Shillings.

Fees to Clerk and Judge.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no person whatsoever shall claim or be entitled to any other or greater fee for any other business done by him in the said District Court, either as Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Crier, or Judge, than are set down for him in this or any other Act heretofore passed for that purpose.

No other or greater fees to be taken in the District Court than expressly allowed by this and other Acts.

## C H A P. X.

An Act for granting to His Majesty a sum of MONEY in aid of the FUNDS for defraying the EXPENCES of the ADMINISTRATION of JUSTICE, and support of the Civil Government of this Province.

[Passed 12th July, 1819.]

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

**W**HEREAS, your Majesty's faithful Commons have voluntarily and freely resolved to grant to your Majesty a supply to defray certain charges for the Administration of Justice, and support of the Civil Government

Preamble.

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