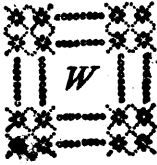


## C A P. V.

An ACT in Addition to and Amendment of an Act made and passed in the Third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor.*

3. Geo. 3. c. 7.  
2. Sess.

Preamble.



HEREAS in the Act made and passed in the Third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor, *The Freeholders are directed to meet on the first Monday in January annually, to make Provision for the Relief of the Poor; And Whereas it has been found inconvenient to have the Meeting at that Season of the Year, Be it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the said Meeting shall be held, for the future, on the last Tuesday in October annually.*

Meeting of Freeholders to be on the last Tuesday in October annually.

II. *And Whereas in the said Act, no Power is given to the Freeholders of the several Towns at their annual Meeting to adjourn in case the Business before them cannot be completed on the said Day, Be it therefore Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Chairman of the said Freeholders when so assembled, and the Business before them cannot be finished on the first Day of their Meeting, to adjourn the said Meeting to the Day following, in order to compleat the Business.*

The Meeting may be adjourned to the next Day, if the Business is not completed the first Day.

III. *And Whereas in the said Act, no Provision is made for the Choice of other Assessors, in the Room of such who may refuse to serve in the said Office, to which they shall be appointed, Be it Enacted, That if any such Assessors, so nominated and appointed, shall refuse to serve in the said Office, the said Freeholders shall proceed to nominate and appoint others in their stead.*

If any Assessor refuse to serve, another shall be appointed in his stead.

IV. *And Whereas no Provision is made in the said Act for compelling the Collectors who have accepted the said Office, to put the said Act in Force against such Persons who may refuse to pay the several Sums, in which they shall be assessed, Be it Enacted, That when any such Collector or Collectors so appointed, shall neglect his or their Duty for the Space of Thirty Days, in complying with the Directions in the said Act contained, every such Collector shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for every such Neglect, to be prosecuted and recovered by the Overseers of the Poor of the Town where such Offence shall be committed, by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, to be applied to the Use of the Poor of such Town.*

Collectors neglecting their Duty forfeit £5.

V. *And be it further Enacted, That all former Assessments heretofore*

tofore made, for the Maintenance of the Poor, shall be and are hereby confirmed, any want of Form, or other Defect in the Time of Meeting of the said Freeholders notwithstanding.

Former Assessments confirmed.

### C A P. VI.

*An ACT* in Addition to an Act made and passed in the Fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the Choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships.*

5. Geo. 3. c. 1.

*HEREAS* in and by an Act made and passed in the Fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled An Act for the Choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships, it is among other Things Enacted, "That the Grand Juries of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall annually nominate four fit Persons out of whom the Court shall appoint two to be Surveyors of Highways," And Whereas in some Towns two Surveyors of Highways are not sufficient; Be it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That for the future the said Grand Juries of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall annually nominate Eight fit Persons, out of whom the said Court of Quarter Sessions shall have Power to appoint two or more Persons to be Surveyors of Highways; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Preamble.

The Grand Jury to nominate Eight Persons, of whom the Court to appoint two or more to be Surveyors of Highways.

### C A P. VII.

*An ACT* for taking Special Bails in the Country, upon Actions depending in His Majesty's *Supream Court* of this Province.

*FOR* the greater Ease and Benefit of all Persons whatsoever, in making Oath to their Debts, and in taking the Recognizances of Special Bails, upon all Actions and Suits depending, or to be depending in His Majesty's *Supream Court* of this Province: Be it Enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the Chief Justice and other the Justices of His Majesty's said *Supream Court*, or any two of them, whereof the Chief Justice for the Time being to be one, shall or may, by one or more Commission or Commissions under the Seal of the said Court, from Time to Time as Need shall require, empower such and so many Persons, other than common Attornies and Solicitors, as they shall think fit and necessary, in all and every the several Counties within this Province, to administer an Oath in Writing to any Person where it shall be necessary to hold any Defendant to Bail, upon any Original Writ or Process issuing out of the said Court,

Preamble:

4. Will. & Mar. c. 4.

Chief Justice &c. the *Supream Court*, may make any Persons, except Attornies and Solicitors, Commissioners to take Bail &c. in the Country.