

ten days, in the places usual for public notices in the County, Township or District; and the said Commissioners shall require and receive sufficient Security from the Contractor, or Contractors, for the performance of such Contract, within the time therein specified; and in all respects conform to the true intent and meaning thereof; and shall transmit to the Secretary of the Province copies of all Contracts made by such Commissioners; and the said Commissioner, shall pay, and satisfy, to such Contractor, from time to time, as the work shall be proceeded in, monies on account, until two third parts of the sum contracted for, shall have been paid and satisfied; but it shall not be lawful to pay the remaining third part, until the whole work shall be completed and finished agreeable to Contract, and certified as herein after directed. All which said Contracts shall be made to expire, on or before the last day of October, in each year, in which such Contracts shall be entered into.

How Contracts are to be entered into, and payments made.

Contracts to expire the last October.

VII. *And be it further enacted*, That before any Commissioner shall be entitled to draw the remaining one third part of the money so by him to be expended, he shall procure a Certificate from the Justices in their Sessions, and the Grand Jury in the County or District, in which, the said money shall have been expended, that the Contract or Contracts entered into, have been faithfully executed, and the money voted for such work properly laid out; which Certificate, shall be lodged with the Treasurer of the Province, for the inspection of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly.

Commissioner to procure and lodge with the Treasurer, Certificate from Justices, &c. that the work hath been faithfully executed.

VIII. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioners appointed under this Act, shall, respectively account for all monies to be paid to them as aforesaid, in manner following, that is to say; in forty days after the Bridge or Road work, for which such Commissioner has been appointed, shall be completed, he shall transmit to the Secretary of the Province, an exact account of his expenditures, accompanied with the necessary vouchers; in order that the same may be examined, audited, and entered, previous to the same being laid before a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and the House of Assembly, to be finally approved, and passed. And where any monies shall be expended by days work, such Vouchers shall consist of weekly Pay-Bills, to be signed by the respective Labourers for the monies received by them during such week; and all such Pay Bills, shall be subscribed by one credible Witness, before whom such payments shall be made.

Commissioner to account to the Secretary of the Province in forty days after Bridge or Road is completed.

Weekly pay bills required if expended by days work.

IX. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue, and be in force, for one year, from the publication hereof, and thence to the end of the next Session of General Assembly, and no longer.

Act to continue one Year.

CAP. III.

An ACT to encourage the raising Bread Corn on new Lands.

WHEREAS the Province is much drained of Current Specie by the introduction of Bread Corn: in order to encourage the exertions of the Settlers for raising larger quantities of that necessary article,

Preamble.

I. *Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly*, That there shall be allowed and paid for every bushel of Wheat and Rye, of the Crop of the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight, which shall be raised on any new lands, whereon the wood shall have been cut down, burned, and cleared off, after the first day of November last, the following bounties; that is to say; for every bushel of Wheat, Ten Pence, and every bushel of Rye, Seven Pence half penny.

Bounty of Ten Pence per Bushel on Wheat.

Seven pence half penny, per Bushel on Rye.

II.

Form of the Oath.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That to entitle any owner or occupier of Land to the foregoing Bounties, the following Oath shall be taken by him or some other person acquainted with the fact :

“ I, A B, do Swear, that Bushels of , were really and truly raised on the Lands occupied by , and the said are wholly of the crop of the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight ; and that the wood from the Lands on which the said were raised, was actually cut down, cleared and burnt off, since the first day of November, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six.”

Justices to hold a Session for determining all Claims for Bounties.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices in the several Counties and Districts in this Province, to hold a Session, either special or by adjournment, in the respective Counties or Districts, between the first and fifteenth days of February, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine, giving three weeks public notice of such meeting, for the purpose of determining all Claims for Bounties, granted by this Act ; and that on the Oath herein before recited, and such further reasonable proof as such Justices may require, they shall determine on such Claims, and shall certify in one general schedule all such Claims as they allow for each County or District.

Governor empowered to draw Warrants on the Treasury for the amount of Claims.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw by Warrant, on the Treasury, for the amount of each of such schedules, in favor of such person or persons as shall be appointed by the Justices of each County or District, for receiving and distributing the same.

Persons appointed to distribute Claims, allowed 2s. in the pound.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That such person or persons, shall pay, without delay, the amount of all Claims allowed, when demanded, retaining one shilling in the pound Commission, for receiving and paying such amount.

No claim to be allowed that has not been preferred to the Sessions.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That no claim for any Bounty under this Act, shall be admitted, which has not been preferred and allowed at the Session to be held as herein before directed.

CAP. IV.

An ACT to encourage the Fisheries of this Province, by granting a Bounty on the importation of Salt.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the want of a regular importation of Salt, frequently causes that article to become scarce and dear, and occasions an interruption to the fisheries, and at other times the market being overstocked, the importers suffer a loss, and are discouraged from continuing their importations :

Bounty to increase the price of Fine Salt, 15s. and coarse Salt 25s per Hog-head.

I *Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly*, That, whenever, during the year One thousand eight hundred and seven, any Salt shall be imported into this Province from Europe, Africa, or the West-Indies, and the price on the sale thereof at Auction, from the Ship, in manner herein after-mentioned, shall not amount to the average sum or rate of fifteen shillings Currency. per Hoghead, of common fine Salt, and Twenty-five shillings Currency, per Hoghead, of coarse grained fishery Salt, the owner, importer, or consignee, of such Salt, shall be entitled to claim, and receive such bounty thereon, as, in addition to the average price for which such Salt shall have been sold, shall amount to the afore-said price per Hoghead of Fifteen Shillings, for fine, and Twenty-five Shillings, for coarse Salt. *Provided always*, That no bounty so to be paid to any such owner, importer, or consignee, shall, in any case, exceed the rate of Two Shillings and Six Pence per Hoghead, on common fine, or Five Shillings per Hoghead, on coarse-grained fishery Salt.

Not to exceed 25s. 6d. per Hog-head for Fine, and Five Shillings for coarse Salt.