

CAP. VI.

An ACT to regulate the proceedings of the Court of Escheats.

Notice of Escheat.

BE it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That before any Inquest of Office shall be made before the Escheator or Commissioner, public notice thereof shall be given in the Royal Gazette, a copy of which notice shall be fixed at the Church Door, and also at the Door of the Court-House of the County or District where the Lands lie; and if any known Tenant or person be living on the Lands or Tenements to be enquired of, a copy of such notice shall also be delivered to him, at least three months before such Inquest shall be made.

Return of Inquisition.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That one part of every Inquisition that shall be made shall be returned into His Majesty's Court of Chancery, and, if any person will traverse the same, such Inquisition shall, on petition to the Chancellor, be certified into His Majesty's Supreme Court, and may be there traversed in the same manner that Inquisitions are traversed in the High Court of Chancery, or Court of Exchequer, in England.

Tenant of Lands advertised for Escheatment

III. *And be it further enacted,* That if any Tenant, or Occupier, wilfully neglect to give information of such notice to his Landlord, in case he shall be within the Province, or to his Attorney or Agent, in case he shall be absent therefrom, and shall have a known Attorney or Agent therein, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of One Hundred Pounds, to be recovered by the party injured in any Court of Record in this Province.

Granting of Lands subsequent to Escheatment.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That no Lands, which, by any Inquest of Office, have been found to have escheated, shall be granted to any person or persons before the expiration of one year from the day of such Inquest, except to the person or persons who were the original Owners thereof, their Heirs or Assigns.

CAP. VII.

An ACT to alter an Act, entitled, An Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges.

Expired

CAP. VIII.

An ACT for Encouraging the Establishment of Schools throughout the Province.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is highly advantageous to the Youth of this Province, to afford them easy means of acquiring useful Knowledge in those essential parts of general education, which are necessary to persons of every rank and station in civilized society, for obtaining therefore an object so desirable:

Annual meeting of Inhabitants of Townships, &c.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants, being Freeholders, or having an income, in real or personal Estate, of Forty Shillings a year at the least, of such Townships, Districts, or Settlements, in this Province, as may be desirous to have such Schools established therein, if such Township, District of Settlement, consist of thirty families or householders, to assemble on the first Monday in April