

CAP. XII.

An ACT in further addition to an Act, made in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That if any Collector or Collectors that hereafter may be appointed for any Town, Township or District, within any County or District of this Province, shall neglect, delay, or refuse, to collect and pay to the Treasurer of the County, the several and respective sum or sums of Money, which he or they are, or shall be required and empowered to collect within their respective Districts or Precincts for the County or District Rate, pursuant to the Warrants delivered to them for the space of three Months after the receipt of the said Warrants, that the said Collector or Collectors so neglecting, delaying or refusing, to collect and pay the same to the County Treasurer within the time before mentioned, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds, to be recovered by the County Treasurer, by bill, plaint or information, in any Court of Record within this Province; one half to the use of the said County Treasurer, and the other half to the use of the County to which such Treasurer belongs.

Collectors liable to be fined.

Fine—how recovered.

Appropriation of Fine.

CAP. XIII.

An ACT in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act for preventing Trespasses.

BE it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That the second and third Sections of an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act, entitled, An Act for preventing Trespasses,—shall be, and is hereby extended throughout the County of Halifax, and throughout every County and District of this Province.

2d and 3d sections extended.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Monies and Penalties which, by the said two Sections of the aforesaid Act, are directed to be paid to the Overseers of the Poor, and to the Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor, for the use of the Poor of the Town of Halifax, shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor for the Township where the said Monies shall have been received, or the offence shall have been committed.

Appropriation of Monies and Penalties.

CAP. XIV.

An ACT in addition to, and amendment of, an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of His present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to alter and amend those parts of the said Act, which relate to the detention in Prison of persons who may be desirous to procure their discharge by complying with the directions of the said Act:

Preamble.

How persons confined for debt may obtain their discharge.

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That where any person detained in prison for debt, shall apply for his discharge, and shall in all respects comply with the directions of the said Act, such person shall be forthwith discharged from his, or her imprisonment, unless good and sufficient reason for the further detention of such prisoner, shall be shewn, by affidavit, to the satisfaction of the Court or Justices to which or whom the application for the discharge shall be made; in which case, if the creditor or creditors shall desire it, and shall agree to supply the prisoner with bread, according to the directions of the said Act, it shall and may be lawful for the said Court, or Justices, to direct such prisoner to be remanded, and detained in Jail for such time as the said Court or Justices shall think proper, not exceeding three months; at the expiration of which time, such prisoner shall be discharged; but if it shall appear to the said Court or Justices, by affidavit, that such prisoner has been guilty of fraud or deceit towards such creditor or creditors; or if, at the end of the said three months, further and satisfactory cause shall be shewn, by affidavit, to the said Court or Justices for a longer detention of the said prisoner, and if the creditor or creditors shall require the said debtor to be further confined, and shall agree to supply him with bread as aforesaid, he may be again remanded and detained for a further time, at the discretion of the said Court or Justices, not exceeding in any case two years from the time of his first imprisonment at the suit of such creditor or creditors; at the expiration of which time he shall be finally discharged—any thing in the said Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And Whereas, the time limited by the said Act for Prisoners to apply for their discharge is too short:

Petition for discharge.

II. *Be it therefore enacted,* That any person shall be entitled to petition for his discharge within the first term after such person shall be charged in execution, or if the application is made to two Justices within forty days next after such person shall be charged in execution.

Persons at present imprisoned for debt.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That such prisoners as are now in execution for debt, shall be entitled to take the benefit of this Act, *provided,* that within sixty days from and after the publication hereof, they make application for that purpose in the manner directed by the aforesaid Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

Exception to persons confined at suit of the Crown.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing herein contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to persons who are or shall be confined in execution at the suit of the Crown, or to persons confined for any debt or debts exceeding in the whole five hundred pounds.

CAP. XV.

An ACT to authorise the Treasurer of the Province to call in and pay the Treasury Notes heretofore issued, and to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue other Treasury Notes.

Notes of twenty shillings called in and paid by 1st August; and

BE it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That all Treasury Notes of twenty shillings, issued under an Act, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly, entitled, "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint Commissioners to issue Treasury Notes," shall be called in and paid, with the interest due thereon, in gold or silver, by the Treasurer of the Province, on the first day of August next, he the said Treasurer giving notice of such payment in the Royal Gazette,