

CAP. XXII:

An Act for the better regulating the manner of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Sydney.

**W**HEREAS from the extent of the County of Sydney, it is found inconvenient for the Inhabitants of the western part of the said County to attend at the times and place, when and where the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, are now held for the said County: for remedy whereof, Preamble.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That, from and after the publication hereof, the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the said County, shall be held twice in each and every year at the times now appointed by law for holding the same, but instead of being held twice in each year at the Court-House in Guyborough, shall be held only once at the said Court-House annually, to wit, on the second Tuesday of December; and once at Dorchester Village, annually, to wit, on the first Tuesday of July.* Times and places of holding Inferior Court, &c. in the County of Sydney.

II. *And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the said Court of Common Pleas, and Sessions of the Peace, to excuse the Inhabitants of the Eastern part of said County, from being drawn as Petit Jurors to serve at the said Court to be held at Dorchester Village as aforesaid; and so in like manner to excuse the Inhabitants in the Western part of said County, from being drawn as Petit Jurors to serve at the Courts to be held at the Court-House at Guyborough as aforesaid.* Petit Jurors.

III. *And be it further enacted, That the Presentations of Money hereafter to be assessed or appropriated within the said County, by the Grand Jury thereof; as also the Presentation and Appointment of County and Town Officers, shall continue to be made at the General Sessions of the Peace held annually in December at the Court-House in Guyborough, and not otherwise.* Presentment of monies for County purposes, and appointment of officers.

CAP. XXIII.

An ACT to alter the time of sitting of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Shelburne, and to enable the Justices of the said County to hold Special Sessions.

**W**HEREAS, the times of holding the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, has been found inconvenient; for remedy whereof: Preamble.

I. *Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, That the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Shelburne, shall, for the future, be held at Shelburne, in the said County, on the first Tuesday of October and first Tuesday of April, annually; any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.* Times of holding Inferior Court, &c. at Shelburne.

II. *And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace* for

Special Sessions may be held at Shelburne to hear appeals against assessments.

for the said County, or any three of them, to hold Courts of Special Sessions, at Shelburne aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of November, and second Tuesday of May, in every year; at which Courts any person who may think himself overrated in the assessments made for the support of the Poor, County Rates, or other Rates or Taxes, may appeal for redress; and the said Justices are hereby empowered to examine, hear and determine, every such appeal or complaint, and to give redress as they, in their judgment, shall think equitable; and such judgment shall be final in the said Court. *Provided always*, That nothing in this Act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to that part of the County of Shelburne which is comprised within the District of Yarmouth, in the said County.

### CAP. XXIV.

An Act in amendment of an Act, passed in the first year of His present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for repairing and mending Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, and for appointing Surveyors of Highways within the several Townships in this Province, and also of an Act, passed in the fifth year of His said Majesty's Reign, in addition to and amendment thereof.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS, it is expedient to reduce the number of days' labour required by the said Acts to be performed upon the Highways, so far as the same affects hired Servants and Minors; and also to increase the amount of the Penalties imposed on persons who neglect to send their Teams, and to perform the labour required of them upon the Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets:

Labour to be performed by servants, minors, &c.

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly*, That all hired Servants, Minors, Apprentices, Journeymen, and Day Labourers, shall perform two days' labour on the Highways, Roads, Bridges and Streets, instead of six days, according to the provisions of the said Acts.

Carts, trucks, &c.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That each and every person liable to labour, or to send a Team, Cart or Truck, to work upon the Highways, Roads, Streets or Bridges, in this Province, shall, for each and every day's neglect, forfeit and pay, for a Cart, Team or Truck, twelve shillings and six-pence, instead of ten shillings; and for personal labour five shillings, instead of three shillings, any thing in the said Acts contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Surveyors of Highways to account to the General Sessions of the Peace.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That the Surveyors of Highways in the several Townships and Districts of this Province, who shall fail to account to the General Sessions of the Peace, for the expenditure of the labour, and for the fines and forfeitures by them respectively received, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, to be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in this Province; one moiety whereof shall be paid to the informer who shall sue and prosecute for the same, and the other half part thereof to be applied towards the repair of Roads and Bridges in the Townships or Districts in which the Surveyor resided.