

and Council.

Warrants to be issued once in six months.

Bounties for every six months to be included in one Warrant.

False swearing made perjury.

Limitation.

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Preamble.

before the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, and His Majesty's Council, before any Warrants are issued for any such bounty: And the Warrants for the bounties under this Act shall be issued once in six months reckoning from the day of the passing of this Act, and all the bounties allowed under this Act for each semi annual period, shall and may be included in one Warrant.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person or persons shall be guilty of false swearing in any affidavit made under and by virtue of this Act, such person or persons so offending, shall, upon conviction thereof before the Supreme Court or any Court of Oyer and Terminer or Gaol Delivery, be liable to suffer the pains and penalties by Law inflicted for wilful and corrupt perjury.

V. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall continue and be in force, during the continuance of the Act "to encourage the Inhabitants of this Province, who are engaged in prosecuting the Cod and Scale Fisheries, by granting bounties on the same," and no longer.

CAP. IX.

An ACT for the better examining and auditing the Public Accounts of this Province.

Passed 17th March, 1825.

WHEREAS the present method of accounting for the expenditure of the Public Monies of this Province is extremely defective, and it is highly expedient to make effectual provision by Law, for such examination of the Public Accounts as may be necessary for the security of the Public interest.

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I. *Be it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to nominate and appoint one fit person to be Auditor of Provincial Accounts, and to displace and newly appoint such Auditor as may from time to time be necessary and expedient, and any person so appointed, shall, before entering on the duties of his office, be sworn to the diligent, and faithful discharge of his duty before the said Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief.

An Auditor to be appointed by the Governor.

Auditor to be sworn.

II. *And be it further enacted,* That all persons entrusted with the expenditure of any public monies heretofore issued or which may hereafter be issued from the Province Treasury, shall make up regular accounts of such expenditure and transmit the same without any undue delay, together with written receipts or vouchers for all such expenditures, to the office of the said Auditor of Provincial Accounts, who shall diligently, faithfully and impartially, examine, correct and audit all such accounts and vouchers, and all persons heretofore entrusted or who may hereafter be entrusted with the expenditure of any such public monies, shall stand charged and be chargeable with all sums of money entrusted to them and not accounted for as aforesaid, and shall repay the same into the Province Treasury.

Persons entrusted with public money to transmit regular accounts with vouchers to the office of the Auditor, who shall audit the same.

Persons entrusted with public money not accounted for, to be chargeable therewith and to repay the same into the Treasury.

III. *And in order to enable the said Auditor of Provincial Accounts, more effectually to execute the duties of his office: Be it further enacted,* That the Treasurer of the Province

Treasurer to make

quarterly returns to the Auditor of monies issued from the Treasury.

Auditor may call upon Persons entrusted with public money to make up their accounts.

Auditor to make a return of Defaulters to the Governor,

who with the advice of the Council may order the Attorney General to prosecute.

Upon application and cause shewn, the Governor with advice of Council may make an order to stay process.

Province shall make quarterly returns, to the office of the said Auditor, of all monies issued from the Province Treasury; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Auditor from time to time, as it may be found necessary or expedient, to call upon any person or persons entrusted with the expenditure of such public monies heretofore issued or which hereafter may be issued from the Province Treasury, and who may not have transmitted their accounts to the office of such Auditor as above mentioned, to make up their said accounts and transmit the same with the proper vouchers to the said office within a reasonable time to be limited by such Auditor; and on failure of the accounts being transmitted accordingly within the time so limited, the said Auditor shall and he is hereby required to make a return of all such defaulters to the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief, in order that such Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief may by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council give orders to His Majesty's Attorney General to sue out such process, and pursue such proceedings in His Majesty's Supreme Court as may be deemed necessary to compel such defaulter or defaulters to transmit or deliver his, her or their accounts to the said Auditor, unless upon application of the parties, their Agents or Attornies, to the said Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief in Council, on a special statement of circumstances to justify delay, the said Lieutenant-Governor or Commander-in-Chief by
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and with the advice of the said Council, shall make an order to stay the process for such reasonable time as they shall think fit.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That in auditing and examining all such public accounts, the said Auditor shall allow such articles of expenditure only as the said Accountants respectively shall have been duly authorized by Law to incur, and no article of expenditure shall be allowed without a written voucher or other evidence of the actual payment of every sum claimed to be allowed as an expenditure; and all such public accounts shall also be verified by the oath of the respective Accountants, made before any Justice of the Peace in the respective Counties, which oath any such Justice is hereby authorized to administer.

Such articles of expenditure only to be allowed as are authorised by Law, and duly vouched by a written voucher or other evidence of actual payment.

Accounts to be verified by the oath of the Accountant.

V. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Auditor of Provincial Accounts shall within the first fourteen days of every Session of the General Assembly, make a report or return of all accounts, examined by him, and of his doings in the said office, so as to exhibit a full state of the public Provincial Accounts to be laid before the General Assembly at such Session.

Auditor within the first fourteen days of every Session to make a report of all accounts examined by him, to be laid before the General Assembly.

VI. *Provided also, and be it further enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any account or accounts, which have been heretofore passed and allowed, or may during the present Session be passed and allowed by the House of Assembly in the manner heretofore accustomed.

Not to extend to accounts passed and allowed by the House of Assembly.

VII. And in order to provide a proper compensation

£100 per annum to be included in the estimate of ordinary expences as a compensation for the Auditor.

compensation for the services of the said Auditor of Provincial Accounts; *Be it further enacted*, That there be annually included in the estimate of the ordinary expences of the Province, the sum of one hundred pounds to be applied to that purpose.

Limitation.

VIII. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven and no longer.

CAP. X.

An ACT to authorize the Justices of the Peace for Queens County, to assess the Inhabitants for erecting and building a Gaol in the said County.

Passed 17th March, 1825.

WHEREAS the Gaol in the County of Queens is found insufficient for the purposes intended, and whereas it is expedient that a Gaol should be erected in the said County.

Justices may agree for building and finishing a Gaol.

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the Justices of the Peace for the said County at any General Sessions of the Peace hereafter to be holden, or at any Special Session for that purpose convened and holden, or the major part of them, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to contract and agree with able and sufficient workmen for building and finishing a Gaol in the said County, and to agree for such sum or sums of money as to them may seem meet in order to carry their object into effect; and the said Justices are hereby authorized and empowered to make a rate and assessment of any sum not exceeding

May make a rate or assessment not exceeding £500.