

shall be and the same is hereby repealed: provided always, that any such appointment made before the passing of this Act, shall be deemed good and valid to all intents and purposes.

Sheriffs to be appointed annually in the month of March.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Province (save and except the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John) shall be appointed annually by the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, in the month of March in each and every year.

Act not to prevent appointments at any time, in cases of death or removal.

III. And be it enacted, That nothing in this or the said recited Acts shall be construed to prevent the appointment of any such Sheriff at any other time when the same may become necessary in consequence of the death or removal from Office of any such Sheriff: and provided, that any Sheriff so appointed, shall be required to give the like Bond with the like expiration as is required in and by the provisions of the said first recited Act.

Sheriffs residing out of the Shire Town to keep a Deputy and an office in the Shire Town.

IV. And be it enacted, That in all cases where the High Sheriff of the County is or shall be permitted to reside out of the Shire Town of the County, it shall be the duty of such Sheriff, and he is hereby required, not only to keep a Deputy or Under Sheriff resident in the Shire Town of the County, but also an Office as near as conveniently may be to the Court House; which Office such Sheriff is hereby required to keep open at all reasonable times for the transaction of business.

CAP XXVII.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Absconding Debtors.

Passed 11th April 1846.

Preamble.

26 G. 3, c. 13.

‘ **W**HEREAS by the twenty fourth section of an Act made and passed in ‘ the twenty sixth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the ‘ Third, intituled *An Act for relief against Absconding Debtors*, the Trustees of the ‘ Creditors are required in rendering their accounts, to make oath of the correct- ‘ ness of their proceedings and accounts in open Court: And whereas the requiring ‘ the attendance of such Trustees in open Court is unnecessarily inconvenient and ‘ burdensome upon Trustees; for remedy whereof,’

Trustees to render an account of their proceedings attested to before a Judge of the Court by which they were appointed, or a Commissioner.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, such Trustees shall, and they are hereby authorized, to render into the Court from the Judge or Judges whereof they have received their appointment, a just and true account in writing of their proceedings, duly attested to before any Judge of such Court, or any Commissioner authorized to take affidavits in such Court; and such Court or the major part of the Judges thereof shall and may make such order thereon as they may deem advisable, not inconsistent with the provisions of the said recited Act.

CAP. XXVIII.

An Act to provide for the safe keeping of the Public Records of the City and County of Saint John.

Passed 11th April 1846.

Preamble.

4 W. 4, c. 26.

‘ **W**HEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly made and passed in ‘ the fourth year of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, inti- ‘ tuled *An Act to provide for the safe keeping of County Records*, authority was given ‘ to the Justices of the Peace of the several Counties in this Province to erect ‘ suitable buildings for the safe keeping of the County Records, but not to exceed ‘ the