

Act not to affect right of dower, or right of the husband otherwise than as is expressed.

Property accumulated by a married woman during desertion to be at her sole disposal.

IV. Be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be held to affect the right of dower of any married woman in the property of her said husband, or the right of any husband in the property of his said wife, otherwise than as herein expressly provided.

V. Be it enacted, That when any married woman shall be deserted by her husband, or compelled to support herself, and she shall, under such circumstances, accumulate property by her own labour and exertions, the same shall vest absolutely in her, and shall neither be liable to the debts nor subject to the control or interference of her said husband, but shall be at her own sole disposal, free and clear of her said husband.

### CAP. XXV.

An Act relating to Grand Juries in this Province.

*Passed 30th April 1851.*

Preamble.

‘ **W**HEREAS it is deemed advisable to vest the nomination of the Foreman of Grand Juries in the members of the Grand Jury ;’

Grand Juries after being called over in Court to retire and nominate their Foreman.

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, upon the meeting of any Grand Jury summoned to attend any Court in this Province, and upon their being called over in open Court, under the direction of the presiding Justice, the said members of the said Grand Jury shall retire to their jury room, under the charge of the Sheriff or his Deputy, and shall then and there by a majority of votes of those present, nominate one of their number to be their Foreman; and upon such nomination the said Sheriff or his Deputy shall declare in open Court the name of the person so nominated, who shall thereupon be appointed by the Court to be the Foreman of such Jury, and shall be duly sworn as such; provided always, that in case of an equal division of the Jury upon such nomination, the Sheriff or his Deputy shall have a casting vote; and in case no such nomination shall be made and declared as aforesaid within one hour from the time of the opening of the Court, the Foreman shall be appointed by the Court as heretofore accustomed.

On an equal division Sheriff to have the casting vote.

Court to appoint when Jury fails to do so within one hour.

### CAP. XXVI.

An Act to revive and continue an Act to provide for the better payment of Petit Jurors attending the several Courts of Record in the Province.

*Passed 30th April 1851.*

Act 11 V. c. 16, revived and continued till 1st May 1860.

**B**E it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That an Act made and passed in the eleventh year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to provide for the better payment of Petit Jurors attending the several Courts of Record in this Province*, be and the same is hereby revived and declared to be in full force, and shall continue in operation until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

### CAP. XXVII.

An Act to provide for the transportation of Newspapers and Tracts through this Province without any imposition of Postage.

*Passed 30th April 1851.*

Preamble.

‘ **W**HEREAS the free and unrestricted diffusion of knowledge is an object of the first importance, and should receive every possible encouragement from the Legislature of this Province ;’

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