

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.

BE 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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Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the fifth day of July next, no money charge or rate of Postage whatever shall be made or exacted for the transmission through or delivery by any Post Office in this Province now established or hereafter to be established, of any Newspaper or Newspapers, or of any Pamphlets or Tracts of less than two ounces in weight, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding; provided nevertheless, that the condition of such free transmission and delivery shall in all respects be subject and according to the provisions of the fourteenth section of an Act made and passed in the thirteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts within this Province.*

After 5th July next, no Postage to be charged on Newspapers, or Pamphlets or Tracts of less than two ounces in weight.

CAP. XXVIII.

An Act to revive and continue an Act to alter and amend the Act to regulate Sales by Public Auction.

Passed 30th April 1851.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That an Act made and passed in the tenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to alter and amend the Act to regulate Sales by Public Auction*, be and the same is hereby revived, continued and declared to be in full force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Act 10 V. c 53, revived and continued till 1st May 1856.

CAP. XXIX.

An Act to revive and continue an Act to provide for the more effectual prevention of Trespasses and protection of Timber growing on the Crown Lands within this Province.

Passed 30th April 1851.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That an Act made and passed in the third year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled *An Act to provide for the more effectual prevention of Trespasses and protection of Timber growing on the Crown Lands within this Province*, be and the same is hereby revived, and continued and declared to be in full force until the first day of April which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Act 3 V. c. 77, revived and continued till 1st April 1860.

CAP. XXX.

An Act to amend an Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Local Government of Counties, Towns, and Parishes.

Passed 30th April 1851.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That in addition to the powers conferred upon the General Sessions by the first article of the tenth section of an Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Local Government of Counties, Towns and Parishes within this Province, the General Sessions shall have full power and authority from time to time to make, revise, alter, amend and enforce all such rules as may be deemed necessary and proper for certain Districts, or the whole of the respective Counties, as the case may be, for the following purposes, namely, for breaking and keeping open snow roads in winter, and regulating the manner and mode of attaching shafts to, and driving of any sled, sleigh, pung, or any other description of vehicle, with one or more horse or horses, and to impose such fines and penalties as may be deemed necessary for the non-observance or breach thereof, not to exceed the sum of ten pounds, and to be recovered and applied in like manner as prescribed in and by the hereinbefore recited Act.

General Sessions empowered to make and enforce regulations for breaking snow roads, and the manner of attaching shafts to sleds, sleighs, &c.

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