of Parish Officers under Title VIII, Chapter 52, of the Revised Statutes, shall in such case be held on the Wednesday previous to the said first Tuesday in January.

2. All Writs shall be returnable on the first Tuesday in January as heretofore, and all proceedings shall be as valid and effectual as if the said Courts had opened on the said first Tuesday in January, and the said Parish election held on the Tuesday previous.

## CAP. XXIV.

An Act relating to the Fire Department of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte.

Section.

Section.

1. Firemen exempted from Jury service.

2. Privilege after 14 years service.

Passed 12th April 1856.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

- 1. The Firemen attached to the Saint Stephen Volunteer Fire Engine Company Number Two, in the Lower Village District, shall be and they are hereby declared to be exempted from serving upon any Jury in any Court of Law in the County of Charlotte.
- 2. The members of the said Company after a faithful service therein of fourteen years, shall be allowed, with the consent of the General Sessions of the Peace of the said County, or of the County Council when the said County shall be incorporated, to retire therefrom, and be entitled to all the privileges and exemptions granted to members of the said Company by this or any other Act of Assembly in this Province.

## CAP. XXV.

An Act to erect the upper part of the Parish of Saint Patrick, in the County of Charlotte, into a separate Town or Parish.

Section.

Section.

Parish of Dumbarton erected.
To possess privileges of other Parishes.

3. Commencement of Act, and effect on assessments, &c.

Passed 12th April 1856.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. All that part of the Parish of Saint Patrick, in the County of Charlotte, situate on the northern side of a line commencing at the northeastern corner of the Parish of Saint Andrews, and thence running in a direct line easterly to and along the southern boundary lines of the Grants to James M'Farlane and John Gilman to the Digdeguash River, thence down stream along the same to the lower line of the Lot granted to John Campbell, thence along the same easterly to the rear thereof, thence northerly along the rear of said last mentioned Lot to meet the westerly prolongation of the line dividing the Lots ten and eleven, in the Clarence Hill, and thence easterly along the said line, dividing the Lots number ten and eleven, to the westerly line of the Parish of Saint George, shall be and the same is hereby erected into a separate Town or Parish, to be known by the name of the Town or Parish of Dumbarton.

2. The said Town or Parish shall have the same privileges, and be subject to the same laws and regulations, as extend to or govern the other Parishes in the County.

3. This Act shall not come into operation or be in force until the first day of September next, and it shall not interfere with or prevent the recovery of any assessment which may have been previously made or ordered, or with any fines, penalties, or moneys which may have accrued to or become due, or with the discharge of the duties of any officer who may have been appointed for the year then running; but every such officer shall discharge his duty until the end of the year, in the same manner as if the Parish of Saint Patrick had not been divided.

## CAP. XXVI.

An Act to authorize the draining of German Town Lake in the County of Albert.

Section.

1. Drainage of Lake authorized.

2. Commissioners of Sewers may act by consent.

Section.

3. Consent to Canal to be had.

Passed 12th April 1856.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:-