

CAP. XL.

An Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court further to enlarge the Terms of the said Court.

Section.

1. Terms may be extended to the third Saturday after first day of each Term.

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2. Third Saturday after first Tuesday to be the teste and return day.

Passed 1st May 1856.

WHEREAS by the accumulation of Term business in the Supreme Court, and the time occupied in Equity Appeals, it has been found that the present duration of the Terms is insufficient for the dispatch of business in said Court ;—

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

1. It shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Supreme Court, if they shall see fit, to extend the respective Terms of the said Court until the third Saturday after the first day of the Terms as now established, in like manner and subject to the same rules and provisions in all respects, as are contained in the Act made and passed in the sixtieth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to enlarge the time of the Sittings of the said Court, when the same shall be expedient with regard to the said Court.*

2. The third Saturday after the first Tuesday of the respective Terms, shall also be a day for the teste and return of Writs.

CAP. XLI.

An Act in further amendment of the Law.

Section.

1. Crime or interest not to exclude from giving evidence : Plaintiff or defendant to be witnesses except as excepted, viz:
2. In criminal proceedings—self-crimination—husband and wife.
3. Communications between husband and wife ;
4. Proceedings in consequence of adultery.
5. Proof of foreign and other proclamations, treaties, judgments, &c.
6. Documents admissible in English Courts to be admissible in Provincial Courts.
7. Validity of affidavits for proceedings in this Province when made without the Province.
8. Proof of register of or declaration in respect of any British Ship, how may be made.

Section.

9. Penalty for wilfully certifying as true, false copies or extracts.
10. Courts, &c. authorized to hear evidence empowered to administer an oath to witnesses.
11. Penalty, &c. for forging, &c. seal or signature of certain documents.
12. Substitution of affirmation for an oath.
13. False affirmation deemed perjury.
14. Credibility of witness, how impeachable by party producing him.
15. Inconsistency on cross-examination, how to be established.
16. Examination of a witness as to previous written statements ;
17. As to his conviction of a felony or misdemeanor.