

authorized to administer such oath, crediting the Province with the amount of moneys by him received by virtue of any such Warrant, and specifying by names the several parties to whom he may have paid bounties during the preceeding year, and the amount paid to each, accompanied with the vouchers and receipts for the same ; which schedule, vouchers, and receipts shall be laid before the House of Assembly at its then next sitting.

6. This Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two.

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### CAP. XV.

#### An Act to prevent the use of Poisons in the destruction of Foxes and other animals.

Section.

1. Penalty for placing Poison ; recovery and application.

Section.

2. Penalty not to prevent other remedy for loss.

*Passed 6th April 1858.*

WHEREAS much and serious evil has arisen from the practice of placing and leaving poison for the destruction of wild animals in the woods and fields, and on other property, whereby valuable domestic animals have been destroyed, and other losses have accrued ;—

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

1. Whosoever shall wilfully place or leave strychnine or other poison of any kind on any public or private property, or on any public road or street, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable to pay a fine of not less than two pounds nor more than ten pounds, which penalty when recovered shall be applied as follows, viz :—One half part thereof, after paying all the necessary expenses of recovery, shall be paid to the informer or informers upon whose information such conviction may be obtained, and the remaining half to the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish where the offence was committed, for the use of the Poor thereof ; in default of payment of said fine, the party convicted as aforesaid shall be committed to the gaol of the said County

for a period not exceeding ten days nor less than two days, in the discretion of the Court.

2. Any fine or imprisonment imposed by virtue of this Act, shall not prevent any prosecution or other legal remedy for loss or damage sustained by any party by means of such poison.

### CAP. XVI.

An Act to alter the times for holding the Circuit Courts in the Counties of Westmorland and Albert.

Time of holding Circuit Courts in Westmorland and Albert.

*Passed 6th April 1858.*

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly,—That from and after the passing of this Act, the time for holding the Circuit Courts for the Counties of Westmorland and Albert shall be held at the following periods, instead of the times now appointed:—

In the County of Westmorland, on the third Tuesday in July in each year.

In the County of Albert, on the second Tuesday in July in each year.

### CAP. XVII.

An Act to amend the Law for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

#### Section.

1. Insolvent may apply specifically to the Clerk of Peace.
2. Clerk of the Peace to call meeting of Creditors.
3. Payments after notice to other than the Assignees deemed fraudulent.
4. Clerk of the Peace to preside at meeting; examination of debtor.
5. Creditors may be required to prove debts.
6. Clerk of the Peace may compel attendance of witnesses, &c.
7. Debtor, if a prisoner, may be brought up.
8. Debtor may offer a composition.
9. If composition be not accepted, Assignees may be chosen.
10. Assignees to give notice of their appointment, and receive assignment of debtor's effects;
11. To be sworn, collect debts, &c. and distribute proceeds;
12. To be under direction of Supreme Court; to receive commission.

#### Section.

13. Debtor may apply to Judge for discharge after composition or assignment.
  14. Judge to discharge debtor from his debts unless cause be shewn.
  15. Order for discharge, and other proceedings, to be registered.
  16. Debtor, if a prisoner, to be discharged.
  17. Creditor omitted by debtor, to participate on proof of debt.
  18. Debtor may retain effects to the value of £15.
  19. Fraudulent preferences to be void.
  20. Bond to secure composition may be put in suit.
  21. Copy of Bond and of Judge's order to be evidence.
  22. Penalty for false statement of affairs.
  23. Act not to apply to Crown debts and distress for rent.
  24. Fees and Forms.
  25. Limitation of Act.
- Schedule: Forms and Table of Fees.