

1. It shall be the duty of the Police Magistrates and Superintendents of Police for the City of Saint John and Parish of Portland respectively, when any fire shall occur whereby any house or building, vessel, ship, structure or property in such City or Parish respectively, shall be wholly or in part consumed, to institute an inquiry into the cause or origin of such fire, and for that purpose they are hereby authorized and required to summon and bring before them all persons whom they or either of them may deem capable of giving information or evidence touching or concerning such fires, and to examine such persons under oath, and to reduce their examinations to writing, and return the same to the Clerk of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John.

2. Such Police Magistrates and Superintendents of Police shall inquire into the cause or origin of the fire, and whether the same was kindled by design or was the result of accident or of negligence, and act accordingly.

3. If any person summoned to appear before the Police Magistrates and Superintendents of Police in virtue of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to appear at the time and place specified in the summons, or if any person appearing in obedience to any such summons shall refuse to be examined, or to answer any question that may be put to him in the course of his examination, it shall be lawful for such Police Magistrates and Superintendents to enforce the attendance of such person, or to compel such person to answer, as the case may require, by the same means as are used by them for such purposes in other cases.

4. Any person guilty of false swearing under this Act shall be guilty of perjury, and subject to all the pains and penalties therefor.

CAP. XLIX.

An Act to regulate the Public Slip near Portland Point.

Section.

1. Slip at foot of Simonds' Street to be under control of Commissioner of Highways.

Section.

2. Slip to be kept unencumbered.
3. Penalty; recovery and application.

Passed 6th April 1858.

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

1. The Public Slip or Landing in the Parish of Portland, extending from the foot of Simonds' Street to low water mark, shall be under the control and direction of the Commissioner of Highways for the time being, in as full and ample a manner as the Public Streets and Highways are under his control and direction; and it shall be his duty to keep the said Public Slip clear of all obstructions of every nature and kind whatever, in order that the whole of the said Slip or Landing may be at all times available for public use as originally intended.

2. No ship, vessel, boat, scow or other craft shall be allowed to come into the said Public Slip except for the purposes of discharging or taking in freight, nor shall any raft of timber, logs, knees, deals, boards, spars, or poles, or any single pieces of timber, logs, knees, deals, boards, spars or poles be suffered to lie in the said Slip upon any pretence whatever, except so much thereof as may be required for immediate use in the adjacent parts of the Parish, and to be immediately hauled to such adjacent parts.

3. Any person or persons who shall bring into the said Slip any ship, vessel, boat, scow, or other craft, or any raft of timber, logs, knees, deals, boards, spars, or poles, or any single pieces of the above description of timber and lumber, contrary to the provisions of the next preceding Section of this Act, shall incur a penalty of two pounds, and a like sum for each and every day that any of the above descriptions of obstructions shall remain in the said Slip; all which penalties shall be recovered on complaint of the Commissioner of Highways, before the Police Magistrate in the Parish of Portland, together with costs; and the proceeds of such penalties shall be paid to the Commissioner of Highways, to be by him applied to the improvement of the said Slip or Highways.

CAP. L.

An Act relating to certain Public Lands in the Parish of Saint Martins, in the County of Saint John.

Section.

1. Authority to sell certain lands, and execute conveyances.
2. Purchase contract may be enforced.

Section.

3. Application and investment of proceeds.
4. Crown and private rights reserved.