

may be necessary, without his being subject in respect thereof to any obstruction or prosecution, and with the right to command the assistance of all Justices, Peace Officers and others, in order to enter and make such examination, in case of opposition.

IX. The said Commissioners, and each of them separately, shall have full power and authority to examine on oath any person who shall appear before them, or any of them, either as a party interested or as a witness, and to summon before them, or any of them, all persons whom they or any of them may deem it expedient to examine upon the matters subject to their consideration, and the facts which they may require to ascertain in order to carry this Act into effect, and to require any such person to bring with him and produce before them or any of them any Book, Paper, Plan, Instrument, Document or thing mentioned in such summons, and necessary for the purposes of this Act: And if any person so summoned shall refuse or neglect to appear before them, or before the Commissioner who shall have summoned him, or appearing, shall refuse to answer any lawful question put to him, or to produce any such Book, Paper, Plan, Instrument, Document or thing whatsoever which may be in his possession, and which he shall have been required by such summons to bring with him or to produce, such person shall for every such refusal or neglect incur a penalty of not less than ten nor more than fifty pounds currency, payable to Her Majesty, to be recovered with costs upon summary plaint by such Commissioner before any Judge of the Superior or Circuit Court, and in default of immediate payment shall, by warrant of such Judge, be apprehended and committed to the Common Gaol of the District for a period not exceeding one calendar month.

Powers of the Commissioners obtaining information.

Punishment of persons refusing to appear before them, or to give information.

X. Whenever the Commissioner charged with the making of the Schedule of a Seignior shall be of opinion that the rules prescribed in this Act for determining any value which he is hereby required to determine, do not form an equitable basis for determining the same, or when the Seignior, or not less than twelve *Censitaires* of the Seignior, shall call upon the said Commissioner in writing, within a period not exceeding eight days after the day fixed for the commencement of the inquiry by the Commissioner, requiring that *experts* be appointed to determine the value of the Seigniorial rights therein, the said Commissioner shall call a public meeting of the *Censitaires* of the Seignior, at such place therein, and on such day and at such hour, as shall be specified in the public notice thereof, which he shall give in the manner prescribed by this Act with respect to the commencement of his inquiry, for the purpose of appointing two *experts*, one of whom shall be appointed by the Seignior and the other shall be elected by the majority of the *Censitaires* present at such meeting; and in case the Seignior or his agent, shall not be present at the said meeting, or being present, shall refuse or neglect to appoint

Value may be estimated by Experts if required by Seigniors or *Censitaires*.

How such experts shall be appointed.