

conduct of Gaolers and other Officers, and Ministers of Justice, in the keeping and governing of Gaols, and also for the safe Custody, due care and sufficient protection of all Prisoners for debt therein being, and all Gaolers and other Officers and Ministers of Justice concerned in the keeping and government of Gaols, within the said Districts or Inferior Districts, severally and respectively, shall observe the said Rules and Regulations.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the several Sheriffs and Coroners in this Province shall be liable only in damages and interests, for all escapes of prisoners, for debt happening through connivance or neglect, either from the custody of themselves or their deputies, or bailiffs, or from any gaol or gaols, of which any Sheriff shall have the custody and keeping, according to the directions of this Act.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every Sheriff in this Province, shall on the first juridical day in every term of the Courts of King's Bench holding Civil Pleas in the districts of Quebec, Montreal, and Three Rivers, respectively, and of the Provincial Courts of the inferior districts for which he shall be Sheriff, exhibit an accurate and detailed statement and account, upon oath, of all monies in his hands, by him received as Sheriff, when and from whom received; and of all orders and judgements directing any monies to be paid by such Sheriff; since his last account rendered, specifying to whom the said monies are or where payable; of all monies by him paid as Sheriff within the said period, and to whom; and of all monies remaining unpaid, though ordered and adjudged to be paid; and of the reasons why the same have not been paid; and the said statements and accounts shall be deposited and remain among the public records of the said Court, and shall be entered in a book or register which shall be kept for that purpose by the Prothonotary or Clerk of such Court, as the case may be.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that to enable the said Sheriffs to make up and render the statements and accounts required of them by this Act, a period of three weeks shall be allowed them from and after passing of this Act, notwithstanding that a Term of any of the said Courts should intervene, previous to the