

immediately put in force by the said authorities, and be held to be the only rules and regulations in force in the respective Prisons.

Sheriffs and Gaolers to give information, &c. to Inspectors.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Sheriff or Keeper of each Gaol or other house of detention to admit the said Inspectors, or either of them, into every part of such Prison, and to exhibit to them all books, papers, documents and accounts pertaining to such Prison or to the detention of persons therein, and to render them every assistance and facility in his power, to enable them to discharge the duties herein contemplated, and to obtain all necessary information. 5 10

Inspectors may inquire into alleged abuses, &c. and take evidence on oath.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Inspectors, or either of them, shall have power to inquire into any abuse or irregularity alleged to exist in the management of any Prison; and for this end, and for the more certain obtaining of desirable information, the said Inspectors shall have power to examine on oath, to be administered by either of them, the Gaoler of the said Prison, or any other person; and any one neglecting or refusing to appear, or to testify when duly summoned before either of the said Inspectors for such purpose, shall be liable to prosecution and summary conviction before any Justice of the Peace for so neglecting or refusing, and be subject to a penalty not exceeding *five pounds*, in the discretion of the Justice, to be levied by distress and sale of his goods and chattels in case of non-payment, to the use of Her Majesty. 15 20 25

Inspectors to require certain reports and particulars from Gaolers, yearly at least.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Inspectors, or either of them, may at any time, but shall at least once every year, demand and receive written reports upon the state of each Gaol, or other Prison in the Province, from the Gaoler or other chief officer thereof; and it shall be the duty of the Gaoler or other chief officer of every Prison, on or before the twentieth day of January in each year, to furnish the said Inspectors with an annual report of the affairs of the Prison under his charge for the year ending the thirty-first day of December preceding, and the said report shall state clearly and correctly the number of prisoners confined in the Prison during the year, and their offences, distinguishing those committed for detention as witnesses, for detention on charge of crime, for contempt of Court on civil process, for trial, and after conviction: It shall also show how the Prison has been sustained during the year, and what the cost of its maintenance has been; also the amount of moral and religious instruction afforded the prisoners, and all other points of information and returns which the said Inspectors may require. 30 35 40 45

Inspectors to report annu-

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Inspectors to prepare, from the said reports of the 50