

county of Cape Breton, a list of the names of which persons he is hereby directed to present to the lieutenant governor or commander in chief for the time being, who is hereby empowered immediately to prick one out of the said number to serve the office of high sheriff; which sheriff, being resident in the said county, and having entered, in the secretary's office at Halifax, good and sufficient security for the faithful execution of his office, shall, immediately upon receiving his patent, and upon taking the oath prescribed for all sheriffs in Nova Scotia, be fully invested with all the powers and authorities of a high sheriff, and be subject to all such laws, customs, ordinances, regulations and directions, as the high sheriffs in the several counties of Nova Scotia are subject to, and shall continue in office until another shall be sworn in his stead.

6. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the chief justice of the supreme court, after the said sheriff shall be nominated and appointed, to issue and direct a precept to him, commanding him to summon twenty-four persons to attend the supreme court, and the general sessions of the peace, at the first sittings of the said courts, to serve as grand jurors; and thirty-six persons to attend the said courts, and also the inferior courts of common pleas at its first sittings as petty jurors; which persons so to be summoned shall be respectively qualified to serve as grand and petty jurors, as the laws of Nova Scotia require and direct; and the said persons so summoned shall be bound to attend the said courts, and to perform the duties of grand and petty jurors thereat, and shall be liable to all the fines and penalties for non-attendance to which grand and petty jurors are liable in the province of Nova Scotia.

7. And be it further enacted, that the grand and petty jurors shall hereafter be drawn, summoned and returned, and the sheriffs, coroners, constables, and other civil officers nominated and appointed, as such officers are summoned and appointed in the said province, and be subject to the same rules and restrictions: and justices of the peace and commissioners appointed for the trial of small causes shall have the same powers and authority, and be subject to the same rule and restriction as such officers are liable to by law in the said province.

8. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the supreme court, and of the court of common pleas, and sessions of the peace, to excuse the inhabitants of the northern and middle parts of the said county of Cape Breton from being drawn as petty jurors to serve at the sittings of the said courts at Arichat, and in like manner to excuse the inhabitants of the southern parts of the said county from being drawn as petty jurors to serve at the said courts to be held at Sydney.

9. And be it further enacted, that such causes as may have been commenced, and are now pending in any of the courts of the said island, prior to its re-annexation, may be transferred and continued, at the instance of either party, to the respective courts by this act established, and may be there heard and determined, as if such causes had been originally commenced therein; any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

10. And be it further enacted, that the court of probate of wills, and granting letters of administration, shall be held at Sydney, in the said county of Cape Breton, at such time as the judge of the said court may appoint; and the office for the registry of deeds shall be kept at Sydney, and at Arichat in the said county.

11. And be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for such persons as have been heretofore admitted to practise as attornies in the supreme court of the said island, to continue to practise as attornies and barristers in the several courts established by this act, within the said island, but not elsewhere out of the said island, unless they shall be admitted as attornies of the supreme court at Halifax, under such rules and regulations as the said court shall establish: provided always, that if it shall appear to His Majesty's supreme court at Halifax, upon the representation of the circuit judges, that any of the persons now practising as attornies in the said island are not qualified to act as such, it shall be lawful for the said court to direct their names to be struck from the roll.

12. And be it further enacted, that the laws now in force, as to the militia in Nova Scotia, be and the same are hereby extended to the said county of Cape Breton.

13. And be it further enacted, that in all questions which may arise relative to the government, the administration of justice, the appointment and qualification of officers, the collection of the revenue, the management of the militia, and all other matters and things touching the good government and welfare of the said county of Cape Breton and its people, the law and usage of Nova Scotia shall be the rule and example to be followed.