

Form of oath to be taken by Widows.

“and that I have not put out of my hands, power or disposal any property in order to secure or provide for my support or maintenance.”

III. Provided also and be it further enacted, That whenever any application shall be made by any Widow of a Soldier of the Revolutionary War for relief under the provisions of this Act, in order to entitle herself to the aforesaid sum of ten pounds, she shall take an oath to be set down in writing, and shall subscribe her name or affix her mark thereto, which oath shall be in the form following, that is to say: “I A. B. of        in the County of       , aged        years, do swear “that in the year        at        I was lawfully married to       , who served as a “        in the Revolutionary War in America, that he was attached to the “Regiment (*or as the fact may be*), that he died (*or was killed*) at        in the “year       , that I now reside at       , in the County of       , that I did actually “reside in this Province at the time of the passing of an Act made in the second “year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled ‘An Act for the “relief of old Soldiers of the Revolutionary War and their Widows,’ and that I “was married to the said        before the passing of the said Act, and that I am “now and have been for the last twelve months a Widow, and in indigent circum- “stances, having no sufficient property by or from which I can support or main- “tain myself, and that I have not put out of my hands, power or disposal any “property, in order to secure or provide for my support or maintenance.”

Justices required to administer the oath, examine the party, and if satisfied endorse certificate on the affidavit.

IV. And be it further enacted, That any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace near to the place where the party applicant shall or may reside, is hereby authorized and required to administer the oath hereinbefore mentioned, and shall personally examine the party appearing before him to depose to the same; and if on such examination the said Justice shall be satisfied that the claim is just and fair, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, he shall and may grant a certificate under his hand to be annexed unto or endorsed upon the said affidavit, setting forth that he has examined the deponent, and that he verily believes the several matters and things set forth in his or her affidavit are true.

Affidavit to be filed with the Clerk of the Peace to be submitted to the Sessions which is to settle all claims and certify to the Secretary's Office.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said affidavit and certificate shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Sessions of the County in which the same shall be made, on or before the first day of the General Sessions of the Peace next ensuing the date thereof, at which term the said Clerk shall exhibit the same to the Justices then and there assembled, and the several Courts of General Sessions of the Peace in the respective Counties are hereby authorized and empowered to settle all claims for relief made under the provisions of this Act, on the affidavit and certificate hereinbefore required, and shall certify in a general schedule all such claims as they shall allow, and shall transmit the same to the office of the Secretary of the Province.

Authority given to draw on the Treasury.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council, to draw by warrant on the Treasury of the Province the amount of such Schedule in favor of the Clerk of the Peace of the County, to be by him paid and distributed to the respective claimants.

First payment to be for the year ending on the date of the affidavit.

VII. And be it enacted, That the first yearly sum applied for by any Soldier or Widow under the provisions of this Act, shall be for the year ending on the day of the making of the affidavit hereinbefore mentioned.

Proviso as to persons to whom special grants have been made.

VIII. Provided always and be it enacted, That no Soldier or Widow for whom any special grant may be made during the present Session of the General Assembly, shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of this Act until after the first day of November next, and then yearly from that period. IX.