

4. Any Seigneur or Seigniors may at any time before the end of the said period of days after the last publication of the said Questions, cause an appearance to be fyled for him or them in the Office of the said Court, in the matter of the said
 5 Questions, by an Advocate or Advocates practising therein, and having caused such appearance to be so fyled, shall be entitled to be heard by his or their Advocate or Advocates upon such Questions ; but so that no more than Advocates shall be heard on the part of all the Seigniors so appearing ; and if
 10 more than that number claim to be heard, the Court shall decide between them, which shall be heard.

Seigniors may be heard by Counsel.

5. From the expiration of the said days after the last publication of the said Questions, the matter shall be dealt with by the Court, as if an appeal were pending and inscribed
 15 and ready for hearing, in which the said Questions had arisen for decision, but no case or pleadings or other proceeding than such as are herein prescribed shall be required previously to such hearing : those who appear for the Crown shall begin, those who appear for the Seigneur or Seigniors shall follow ; the Court
 20 may hear those for the Crown on all the Questions before those on the other side reply, or may hear each side on each Question separately, as it shall think best : no technical objection of procedure shall be entertained, and if any question arise as to the proceedings in any matter not provided for by this Act, the
 25 Court shall *instante* make such order therein as shall seem most equitable and convenient.

How such question shall be dealt with by the Court.

6. The decision of the Court and the opinions of the Judges thereof shall be *motifs* and delivered as in a judgment on a case in appeal in which all the Questions had arisen and were
 30 put in issue, but without any further sentence in favor of the Crown or the Seigniors ; but the Court may in its discretion award reasonable costs to the Seigniors so appearing, if it shall think that they have successfully combated any material proposition affirmed on the part of the Crown ; and such costs,
 35 if awarded, shall be paid as other expenses authorized by this Act.

Decision on such questions how given.

7. The decision of the Court on each of the said Questions shall guide the Commissioners and the Attorney General, and shall in any actual case thereafter to arise, be held to have been
 40 a judgment of the Court on the point raised by such Question, in a like case, though between other parties.

Effect of such decision.

LXVI. The emoluments and disbursements of the Commissioners who shall be appointed under this Act, with the expenses to be incurred and the sums which may be awarded
 45 to Seigniors for indemnity under the authority thereof, shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, by warrant of the Governor : but it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to cause any sum or sums not exceeding in

Remuneration and disbursements of Commissioners :

and Indemnity to Seigniors to