

41 ANNO DECIMO SEPTIMO Cap. V.

times of sitting. first Tuesday of May, and the first Tuesday of November; and at the city of Montreal, on the first Monday of March, and the first Monday of September, in every year: But nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent the governor, lieutenant governor, or commander in chief, for the time being, to issue commissions of *Oyer* and *Terminer* and *Goal Delivery*, at any other time or times, when he may think it necessary and expedient so to do.

Special commissions to be issued, if necessary.

A R T. II.

Establishment of the court of Quarter sessions. In each of the districts of Quebec and Montreal, there shall be held and kept, four times in every year, a court of general quarter sessions of the peace, by the commissioners of the peace, of each respective district, or so many of them, as are, or shall be limited in the commission of the peace; who shall hear and determine all matters, relative to the conservation of the peace, and whatsoever is by them cognizable, according to the laws of England, and the ordinances of the governor and legislative council of the province. The said sessions for the district of Quebec, shall be held at the city of Quebec, and the said sessions for the district of Montreal, shall be held at the city of Montreal, on the days hereafter following, to wit, on the second Tuesdays of the months of January, April, July and October in every year.

places and times of sitting.

commissioners sit weekly.

And two of the said commissioners of the peace shall sit weekly, in rotation, in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, for the better regulation of the police, and other matters and things belonging to their office; and the names of the commissioners, who are to sit in each week, shall be posted up on the door of the sessions house, by the clerk of the peace, two days before their respective sittings.

A R T. III.

Captains of militia empowered in their respective parishes to act as coroners.

As the great extent of this province may render it often impracticable for the coroner of the district, to give his attendance at the different places where it might be necessary; the captains of militia shall be, and hereby are empowered, in their respective parishes, when any marks of violence appear on any dead body, to summon together six reputable householders of his parish, to inspect the same; and he shall, according to their opinion, report the manner and cause of such death, in writing, to the nearest commissioner of the peace, that a further examination may be made therein, if necessary.

A R T.