

wilfully neglecting to perform his duty.

to perform any duty required of him by this Act, he shall be liable to a penalty of *fifty* pounds, to be recovered from him in any Court of competent jurisdiction at the suit of the Treasurer of the County or Chamberlain of the City, and the said penalty as well as any penalties recovered under the preceeding section, shall be paid to the County Treasurer or City Chamberlain, for the uses of the County or City respectively.

Interpretation clause.

LXVII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall apply solely to that part of the Province which formerly constituted the Province of Upper Canada, and the words "Upper Canada," whenever they occur in this Act, shall be understood as meaning that portion of this Province, and all words importing the singular number or the masculine gender only shall include several persons and things of the same kind, and females as well as males, and bodies corporate as well as individuals, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to or inconsistent with such construction, and all other words, terms and phrases shall receive such fair and liberal interpretation as shall be best adapted to give full effect to this Act according to its true intent, meaning and spirit.

Commencement of this Act.

LXVIII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and have force and effect from and after the *first day* of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-
, and not before.

Act may be amended, &c. during this Session.

LXIX. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered or repealed by any Act or Acts, to be passed during this present Session of the Provincial Parliament.