

emolument or remuneration whatsoever, shall for every such offence incur the pains and penalties of the crime of extortion and shall for ever be incapable of acting or practising as an Attorney or Agent (*Procureur au Porteur de Pièces*) before the said Commissioners or any of them.

Oppositions to
be decided sum-
marily &c.

XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all opposition shall be heard and decided summarily before the Commissioner or Commissioners, in the same manner as the causes originally instituted before such Commissioner or Commissioners.

Writs of Sum-
mons &c. by
whom served
&c.

Proviso.

XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act no Writ of Summons, Subpœna or Execution shall be directed to be served or executed by any person other than a Serjeant of Militia residing in the Parish, Seigniorie or Township wherein the Defendant, or Witnesses, as the case may be, may respectively reside. Provided always, that whenever it may appear to any Commissioner, by Certificate from a Captain of Militia, that none of the Serjeants of Militia residing in the Parish, Seigniorie, or Township, for which he is such Captain, are qualified to make or return in writing, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner or Commissioners, to address such Writ of Summons, Subpœna, or Execution, as may require to be served or executed in such place, to any other person resident therein, to be named in the said Writ, who shall make oath to the due service and execution of such Writ.

Parties in any
suit to summons
their Witnesses
&c.

Commissioner
may postpone
the Cause in the
absence of wit-
nesses &c.

XIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the parties, Plaintiff and Defendant, in any suit which shall be instituted before such Commissioner or Commissioners, to summon all such Witnesses as they may have to produce respectively, on the return day of the Writ of Summons, to the end that the suit or cause of action may be then and there forthwith heard and determined in a summary way, and in case of the necessary absence of any one or more of the Witnesses, who may have been duly subpœna'd as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such Commissioner or Commissioners, to continue the cause over to such convenient day as he shall then and there publicly and openly appoint, for the hearing of such Witnesses subpœna'd as aforesaid, and who may not have appeared on the return day of the summons, and for none