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authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further Provision for the Government of the said Province,'" and by the authority of the same, that it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-governor of this province, from time to time, by commission under the great seal of said province, to appoint three persons as commissioners, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the losses so sustained by Her Majesty's subjects during the late unnatural rebellion.

Three commissioners to be appointed.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said commissioners, before they enter upon the execution of their office, shall take an oath before any one of Her Majesty's justices of the peace, which he is hereby authorized to administer, to the following effect: "I, A. B., do swear that according to the best of my skill and knowledge I will faithfully, impartially and truly execute the duty of commissioner for ascertaining the losses sustained by certain inhabitants of this province during the late unnatural rebellion. So help me God."

Commissioners before entering on their office to take an oath, &c.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered and required to examine upon oath all persons whom the said commissioners shall think fit to examine touching all such matters and things as shall be necessary for the execution of the powers vested in the said commissioners by this Act; and all such persons are hereby directed and required personally to attend the said commissioners at such time and place as they shall appoint.

Authority given commissioners to examine persons on oath, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said commissioners are hereby authorized to meet, and sit from time to time at such place or places as the Lieutenant-governor, or person administering the government of the province may direct, with or without adjournment, and to send their precept or precepts, under their hands and seals, for any person or persons whatsoever, and for such books, papers, writings, or records as they judge necessary for their information or the execution of the powers vested in the said commissioners by this Act; and the said commissioners are hereby authorized to appoint and employ a clerk and messenger.

Commissioners to hold their meetings from time to time, and to summon persons to appear before them, and examine books, &c.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in case any person or persons upon examination upon oath before the said commissioners respectively, as before mentioned, shall wilfully and corruptly give false evidence, every such person so offending; and being duly convicted thereof, shall be and is and are hereby declared to be subject and liable to such pains and penalties as by any law now in being persons convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury are subject and liable.

Punishment for false swearing before Commissioners.

VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said commissioners shall, from time to time, at their discretion, or as often as they shall be thereunto required, and as soon as possible after the determination of their examination and proceedings by virtue of this Act, and without any further requisition, furnish an account of their proceedings in writing to the Lieutenant-governor, that a copy of such proceedings may be laid before the Legislature of this province at the then next ensuing session of Parliament.

Commissioners to furnish account of their proceedings to Governor, to be laid before Legislature.