

all other proprietors of lands or other fixed residents or citizens of the towns or province, within the limits herein after mentioned, in proportion to their respective faculties and abilities, in the judgment and estimation of the commissioners aforesaid, or any five of them; except the convents of women and the order of recollets.

The said assessment in the district of Montreal to extend from the river Saint Maurice on the north, and the river Godefroy on the south of the Saint Lawrence, to the Long-Sault on the Ottawa River and the west line of New-Longueuil and Beauharnois; and in the district of Quebec from Cape Cat and the Saguinay, to the said rivers Saint Maurice and Godefroy.

If the assessment is approved by the governor and council warrants to issue for levying the same.

Which assessment if approved by his excellency the governor and council as above, the said commissioners, or any five of them, are authorized to issue warrants to levy the same, and if necessary by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the defaulter, with the necessary charges of executing the same, returning to the proprietors the overplus, if any there be; and of the tax lists and sums so to be levied and the expenditures thereof, and also the vouchers for the same, the said commissioners shall render full and just accounts, upon oath, filing the same accounts and vouchers with the clerk of the council, who shall lay the same before the legislative council at their next ensuing sessions. And the said commissioners are hereby enabled to include in the said assessments the reasonable allowances to be made to such treasurer, clerks and collectors to be by them necessarily employed in the business aforesaid. And when the court-house and goal shall be complete the sheriff of the district shall take the charge thereof, and preserve the same for the public uses for which they were constructed. And it is further ordained and enacted, That the commissioners abovementioned shall make oath that to the best of their skill and knowledge they will execute the trust reposed in them as commissioners for assessing the rates to be paid for the building of court-houses and prisons with fidelity and impartiality.

Limitation of actions brought against persons acting under this ordinance.

And be it also enacted by the same authority, that no suit shall be commenced against any person acting under the authority of this act after six months from the time of committing the fact for which the same suit is brought; and if the defendant shall prevail in any action brought against him for any matter authorized by this act, the plaintiff shall pay treble costs to be taxed,