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who enter into Office, one of those Persons who served as Sub-Bailiffs in each Parish, to be elected and nominated Bailiffs of said Parish the ensuing Year.

If a Bailiff dies in his Office, the Governor, or Commander in Chief, will nominate one of those returned by said Parish to serve as Sub-Bailiffs for the Remainder of the Year; and when a Sub-Bailiff happens to die in Office, the Bailiffs shall assemble the Parish upon the next publick Feast Day insuing his Decease, who shall proceed to elect and return, as aforesaid, another Sub-Bailiff.

The Election of Bailiffs and Sub-Bailiffs for this present Year, to be on the Twentieth Day of *October*; their Names to be returned immediately after the Election: Their Nomination will be notified and published by the Deputy-Secretary as soon as may be, and they shall enter upon, and begin to execute their respective Offices, on the First Day of *December*, but all Elections, &c., after this Turn, shall be upon the Days and Times above-mentioned and appointed for that Purpose.

The Bailiffs are to oversee the King's High-ways and the publick Bridges, and see that the same are kept in good and sufficient Repair; to arrest and apprehend all Criminals, against whom they shall have Writs or Warrants, and to guard and conduct them through their respective Parishes, and convey them to such Prisons or Places as the Writ or Warrant shall direct: They are also to examine all Bodies that are exposed, and on whom any Marks of Violence appear, in Presence of five reputable Householders of the same Parish, whom he is hereby impowered to summons to inspect the same, and report in Writing the State and Circumstances thereof to the next Magistrate, that a further Examination may be made therein if necessary; but this is to be done only where the Coroner cannot by any Possibility attend, which in this extensive Province may frequently happen.

Where any Disputes happen concerning the Breaking or Repairing of Fences, upon Complaint made to the Bailiff, he shall summons the Defendant, who is to choose three indifferent Persons, and the Plaintiff three more, and these six, the Bailiff presiding, to decide the Dispute; from their Sentence either Party may appeal to the Quarter-Sessions; the Person found in Fault to pay One Shilling and no more, to the Person who shall draw up the Decision.

These Bailiffs to be sworn into their Office by the next Justice or the Peace, as soon as may be after their Nomination as aforesaid, and the said Oath to be returned to the next Quarter-Sessions by such Justice.

GIVEN by His Excellency the Honorable JAMES MURRAY, Esq; Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Province of QUEBEC, and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice Admiral of the same, Governor of the Town of Quebec, Colonel-Commandant of the Second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, &c. &c. In Council, at Quebec, the 17th of September, Anno, Domini, 1764, and in the Fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the III. by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING; Defender of the Faith, &c. &c.

JA: MURRAY.

By Order of His EXCELLENCY in Council,
J. GRAY, *D. Sec^{ry}*.

An ORDINANCE, *Declaring what shall be deemed a due Publication of the Ordinances of the Province of Quebec.*

WHEREAS it is highly necessary and expedient, That the several Ordinances made in this Province, should be duly published and made known to all His Majesty's loving Subjects within the same: And whereas publishing in the QUEBEC-GAZETTE has been found the most convenient and expeditious Method of conveying to the Knowledge of the Publick, all such Matters and Things as have been, or may be thought proper to communicate to them: