

the party trespassing acted under a fair and reasonable supposition that he had a right to do the act complained of.

4. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every punishment and forfeiture by this Act imposed on any person maliciously committing any trespass, shall equally apply and be enforced whether the trespass shall be committed from malice conceived against the owner of the property in respect of which it shall be committed, or otherwise.

5. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the more effectual apprehension of all offenders against this Act, any person found committing any such trespass as aforesaid, may be apprehended without a Warrant by any Peace Officer, or the owner of the property injured, or the servant or any person authorised by him, and forthwith taken to the nearest Justice of the Peace, to be dealt with according to Law.

6. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person shall wilfully disturb, interrupt or disquiet any assemblage of people, met for religious worship, by profane discourse, by rude and indecent behaviour, or by making a noise either within the place of worship or so near it as to disturb the order and solemnity of the meeting, such person shall, upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, forfeit and pay such a sum of money not exceeding the sum of five pounds, as the said Justice shall think fit.

7. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in default of payment of any fine imposed under the authority of this Act, together with the costs attending the same, within the period specified for the payment thereof at the time of conviction, by the Justice of the Peace before whom such conviction may have taken place, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice of the Peace to issue his Warrant, directed to any Constable, to levy the amount of such fine and costs within a certain time to be in the said Warrant expressed; and in case no distress sufficient to satisfy the amount shall be found, it shall and may be lawful for him to commit the offender to the common Gaol of the District wherein the offence was committed,

for any term not exceeding one month, unless the fine and costs shall be sooner paid.

8. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the prosecution for every offence punishable under this Act shall be commenced within three calendar months after the commission of the offence; and not otherwise, and the evidence of the party aggrieved shall be admitted in proof of the offence, and also the evidence of any inhabitant of the County, District Riding, or Division, in which the offence shall have been committed, notwithstanding any forfeiture or penalty incurred by the offence, may be payable to the general rate of such County, District, Riding or Division.

9. And for the more effectual prosecution of all offences punishable under this Act: Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any person shall be charged on the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses before any Justice of the Peace, with any offence against this Act, the Justice may summon the person charged to appear at a time and place to be named in such summons, and if he shall not appear accordingly, then (upon proof of the due service of the summons upon such person, by delivering the same to him personally) the Justice may either proceed to hear and determine the case *ex parte*, or issue his Warrant for apprehending such person and bringing him before himself or some other Justice of the Peace; or the Justice before whom the charge shall be made, may, if he shall so think fit, without any previous summons, issue such Warrant, and the Justice before whom the person charged shall appear or be brought, shall proceed to hear and determine the case.

10. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any Justice, upon hearing any complaint for offences against this Act, shall deem such alleged offence not to be proved, or shall find the Act complained of to have been justified, or to be of so trifling a nature as not to deserve punishment, and shall accordingly dismiss the complaint, such Justice shall, at the request of the party against whom the same shall be preferred, make out and deliver to him a Certificate under his hand, stating the fact of such dismissal; and in such case, the Justice shall order the party