

to extend to
certain cases.

construed to extend to inquire into all such losses sustained by Her Majesty's subjects and other residents within the said late Province of Lower-Canada, and the several claims and demands which have accrued to any such persons by such losses, in respect of any loss, destruction, or damage of property occasioned by violence on the part of persons in Her Majesty's service, or by violence on the part of persons acting or assuming to act on behalf of Her Majesty, in the suppression of the said Rebellion, or for the prevention of further disturbances, and all claims arising under or in respect of the occupation of any houses or other premises by Her Majesty's Naval or Military forces, either Imperial or Provincial; subject always to the limitations and exceptions contained in the Preamble of this Act.

Commissioners
to hold their
sittings at such
times and
places as Go-
vernor may
direct.

Proviso.

XII. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners appointed under this Act, shall hold their sittings publicly at such places and times, and for such counties, parishes or other territorial divisions respectively, as the Governor in Council shall from time to time direct and notify to them through the Provincial Secretary, and shall give such public notice of their said meetings as they shall in like manner be required to give; and at such meetings any three of the said Commissioners shall be a *quorum*, and any report, award or proceeding in which three of the Commissioners shall concur, shall be deemed to be made or done by the Commissioners; Provided always, that no sitting of the said Commissioners shall be held after the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and no claim shall be received by them after the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Commissioners
to have power
to summon and
examine upon
oath persons
appearing be-
fore them.

Penalty on
parties sum-
moned and
not attending,
&c.

Wilful false
statements to
be perjury.
Proviso.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have full power and authority to examine upon oath (which oath any one of them may administer) any person who shall appear before them, either as a claimant or as a witness for or against any claim, or for the better information of the Commissioners concerning the same; and shall have full power and authority to summon before them any person or party whom they may deem it expedient to examine touching any claim, and to require him to bring with him, and produce any book, paper, instrument, document or thing mentioned in the summons, and supposed to be necessary to the determination of any such claim; and if any person or party so summoned shall, after due notice, refuse or neglect to attend before them, or being so summoned and attending, shall refuse to answer any lawful question put to him by the Commissioners, or any one of them, or to bring and produce any book, paper, instrument, document or thing in his possession, which he shall by the summons, have been required to bring with him and produce, the said Commissioners may cause such person or party, if not already before them, to be apprehended and brought before them, and may, in their discretion, commit him to the common gaol of the District, for a period not exceeding three months; and any person making any wilfully false statement on oath before the said Commissioners or any one of them, shall be adjudged guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury; provided always, that no claim shall be allowed upon the oath of the claimant, unless he shall be corroborated in all the important particulars by indifferent and unsuspected witnesses, or other testimony.

Commissioners
to report their
proceedings to
Governor, on
or before Sept.
1850.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall, on or before the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, report their proceedings to the Governor, stating more especially the sum they shall have allowed, for such losses as aforesaid, to each claimant respectively; and if the total amount of the sums so allowed,