

said, to meet together for the purpose of taking all or any such petitions into consideration, at such times and at such place in the District as they shall have appointed, and as shall have been publicly made known by notices in the English and French languages, inserted in the *Canada Gazette*, or other newspaper recognized as the Official Gazette of the Province, and at least one other newspaper published in the District, or if there be no newspaper published in such District, in the nearest District in which one or more such newspapers are published.

meet to consider such claim.

Notice of such Meeting.

LIX. In all cases in which the interests of the Crown may require it, it shall be lawful for the Attorney General or Solicitor General for Lower Canada, or other Counsel duly authorized, to represent and appear on behalf of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, before such Commissioners, and to oppose the prayer of any such petition.

Attorney General may oppose such claim.

LX. The said Commissioners after hearing the Petitioner, either in person or by Attorney, and the Attorney General or other Counsel for the Crown if any attend before them, and having examined the evidence adduced in relation to the claim, shall pronounce their judgment thereon in writing, and every such judgment shall contain the grounds thereof.

Decision to be in writing and *motivé*.

LXI. An appeal from the judgment of the said Commissioners may, within two months of the rendering of any such judgment, be instituted either by the Seignior or by the Crown, to the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada, the decision of which Court shall be final and without appeal; and the said Court of Queen's Bench shall deal with any such appeal by any Seignior or by the Crown from the decision of the Commissioners, in the same manner as with an appeal from a judgment of the Superior Court, and if it shall not affirm the decision of the Commissioners, shall give such decision as they ought to have given, and may award costs to or against the Crown or the Seignior.

Appeal to Court of Q. B. Such appeal to be final: judgment thereon.

LXII. Every Judge who shall have presented a petition for indemnity in his own behalf, in virtue of this Act, shall be liable to recusation in every case in appeal from the Judgment rendered by the said Commissioners upon any such petition; and on any question submitted to the Court under the next preceding section, and every Judge who shall have sat in appeal from any one of such judgments or shall have given a decision on any such question, as is mentioned in the Section of this Act, or sat at the hearing thereon, shall be deemed to have renounced all right to present any such petition in his own behalf.

Judges interested in similar claims to be liable to recusation.

Payment of indemnity fi-

LXIII. So soon as the amount to be awarded to any Seignior who has petitioned as aforesaid, shall be established by the