

2. It shall be lawful for the said Commissioners so to be appointed, or the major part of them, for the purpose of procuring information relative to any of the matters aforesaid, to call before them any person or persons, and to require the production from any public office or department of any books, documents, or papers connected with the proceedings of any Court where actions or suits at law or in equity are usually brought, as may be necessary ; and the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby empowered to examine on oath or otherwise, according to the discretion of the said Commissioners (which oath the said Commissioners or any one of them are hereby authorized to administer), any person or persons, relating to such practice and proceedings, and touching all other matters to be inquired into under the provisions of this Act ; and all such persons are hereby required to attend the said Commissioners from time to time and at such times and places as they or a majority of them shall appoint, on receiving due notice thereof, and on being required so to do.

3. The said Commissioners are hereby authorized to employ such clerks and assistants as may be necessary for the performance of the duties imposed upon them by this Act.

4. This Act shall continue and be in force until the first day of April which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and no longer.