

cil, and to the Legislature—such Board to hold Office during pleasure, and the Seats thereat to be considered as honorary appointments.

VII. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to examine and check, from time to time as they shall come in, all Accounts of public Receipt and Expenditure in this Province, of every kind and description—that the Accounts of the Revenue Officers and Collectors of Light Duties at Halifax, and in the Out Ports, shall regularly pass under his supervision, and any error or mistake therein be immediately pointed out and rectified, and the attention of the Governor in Council, if necessary, directed thereto ; and that no Account of any Public Expenditure whatsoever, for Road Work, Public Buildings, Light Houses, Education, or otherwise, shall be paid by the Receiver General, until the same shall have been carefully examined and certified to be correct, or any mistake or error therein pointed out and rectified by the said Financial Secretary, or in case of his absence or indisposition by his principal Clerk.

Duties of Financial Secretary.

VIII. *And be it enacted*, That such Accounts, so examined and certified under the hand of the Financial Secretary, or in case of his absence or indisposition, under the hand of his principal Clerk, shall be necessary vouchers previous to the issue of a Warrant for the payment of the sums therein expressed, or for the payment thereof under any general Warrant previously issued therefor.

Certificate of Financial Secretary requisite to issue of Warrants.

IX. *And be it enacted*, That the principal Revenue Officer at Halifax, and the said Receiver General, shall furnish, quarterly, Accounts of all sums received and paid by them respectively, to be examined and checked by the Financial Secretary, and that the said quarterly Accounts shall be collected and formed into one general Account, to be presented by the said principal Revenue Officer and Receiver General to the General Assembly in every year within the first Ten days of each Session, and to be audited according to Law by a Joint Committee to be drawn from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly as heretofore.

Examination of Accounts of Revenue Officer and Receiver General, &c.

X. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be competent for the Governor in Council, from time to time, on the Report of the Financial Secretary, to issue such orders for the more economical expending of the Public Monies, by the taking of Contracts after due advertisement, or by such other guards and provisions as may appear most judicious for the checking of any abuse, and the more vigilant and faithful husbanding of the Public Monies.

Orders for Expenditure of Public Monies.

XI. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be competent for the Governor in Council, to direct from time to time, in which of the said Offices the said Accounts shall be filed or deposited, and in what form the Books to be opened thereat shall be kept ; but one General Cash Book shall be kept by the said Receiver General, in which there shall be entered from day to day, all Monies received and paid by him, with the names of the parties who received or paid the same—and which Book shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Members of the Executive Government, or of any Member of the Legislature.

Officers Accounts, Books, &c. Inspection thereof.

XII. *And be it enacted*, That the said Receiver General and Financial Secretary shall be Members of the Provincial Administration for the time being, and that the acceptance of either of the said Offices by a Member of the House of Assembly shall vacate his Seat therein, but shall not prevent his re-election as a Member thereof.

Receiver General and Financial Secretary tenure of Office.

XIII. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be of any force or effect until Her Majesty's assent shall be signified hereto.

Suspending Clause.