

Proviso.

Plans, Documents, Instruments, etc., relative to public works to be delivered to the Board.

Board may require the attendance of persons whom it may be requisite to examine touching any Public work.

Penalty on persons refusing so to attend.

Board may require accounts to be sworn to; any Member may administer the oath.

False swearing to be perjury.

Warrants for money appropriated for public Works under the Board not to issue except on certificate of the Chairman.

Certain sum may be advanced to the Secretary to meet

the Board; and generally to do all ministerial acts connected with the business of the Board, which it may direct him to do, or which may devolve upon him, by a fair construction of the meaning and intent of this Act, in all cases not expressly provided for: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government, to require any person or persons, whomsoever, having in their possession any instruments, plans, papers, books, drawings, models, estimates or documents, relative to any Public Work, and belonging to the Province, to deliver the same to the Chairman of the said Board; and also from time to time to place in his charge and keeping, for the uses of the Board, any instruments, books, drawings, models or documents, relative to the objects for which the said Board is constituted, which may be the property of the Province, and required for the better attainment of the objects of the Board.

XXV. And be it enacted, that the said Board shall have power to send for, and examine on oath all such persons as it shall deem necessary to examine, touching any matter referred to the Board, as aforesaid, and to cause such persons to bring with them such papers, documents and things, as it may be necessary to examine with reference to such matter; and to pay such persons a reasonable compensation for their time and disbursements; and such persons shall be bound to attend at the summons of the said Board, after due notice, under penalty of such damages as may be awarded in favor of the said Board, as the loss the Public may have sustained by the non-attendance of such person, in an action to be brought by the Board in that behalf.

XXVI. And be it enacted, that the Board may require any account sent in by any Contractor, or any person in its employ to be attested on oath, which oath, as well as the oath to be taken by any witness, the Secretary or any Member of the Board may administer; and any false statement wilfully made under any such oath, or in any case where an oath is required or authorized by this Act, shall be perjury.

XXVII. And be it enacted, that no warrant shall be issued for any sum of the public money appropriated for any public work under the superintendence of the said Board, except on the certificate of the Chairman, sealed with the seal of the said Board, that such sum ought to be paid to the person or persons named in the certificate in whose favor a warrant may be issued accordingly.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Board, from time to time, to grant such certificates, in favour of their Secretary, for such sums as may be necessary to meet any disbursements allowed to him, or the Members of the Board when on duty, or which the Board may order to be made immediately