

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, 5 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 10 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 15 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 wilfully false state- 20 ment made on oath before the said Commissioners or any one of them, shall be perjury.

Wilful false statements to be perjury

XIV. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall, on or before the first 25 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 30 respectively; and if the total amount of the sums so allowed, and the said sum of nine thousand nine hundred and eighty-six pounds seven shillings and twopence, and the expenses incurred under this Act, shall 35 exceed the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, then the expenses incurred under this Act shall be first provided for, and secondly the said sum of £9986 7s. 2d., and the remaining sum shall be distributed 40 among the claimants in proportion to the sums allowed to them respectively, by the Commissioners, or any three of them.

Commissioners to report proceeding to Governor, on or before Sept. 1850.