

Church-War-
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bles or Peace
Officers to be
competent
witnesses in
matters rela-
tive to this Act
and to an Act
of the 45th
Geo. III. pro-
hibiting the
sale of goods,
&c. on Sun-
days.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that any Church-Warden, Constable or Peace Officer shall be deemed, in all cases, a competent witness in all matters relative to the execution of this Act, as well as of a certain other Act, passed in the forty-fifth year of the Reign of His Majesty, George the Third, intituled, "An Act to prohibit the sale of Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, Wines, Spirits and other strong Liquors on Sundays," notwithstanding he may be the Prosecutor or Informer, for any offence, neglect or default against either of the said Acts.

General issue. XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any Action, Bill or Plaint be brought against any Church-Warden or Church-Wardens, Constable or Peace-officer as aforesaid, for any thing done in virtue of this Act, he or they may plead the general issue, and give the special matter and this act in evidence; and if a Judgment or verdict is given against the Plaintiff, or he shall become non-suit or discontinue his Suit or Action, in every such case the Judge before whom the said matter shall have been brought or tried, shall allow to the Defendant double costs.

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This Act with
certain parts
of other Acts
to be forward-
ed to the Cu-
rates.

XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that separate copies of this Act, and of the fifth Section of an Act of the British Parliament, passed in the fourteenth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, George the Third, chapter eighty-eight, and of the first, seventh and ninth Sections of an Act of the Legislature of this Province, of the thirty-fifth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, George the Third, chapter eight, and an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, George the Third, chapter ten, shall be forwarded in the same manner as the laws enacted in this Province are now forwarded to the Curate of each Parish within this Province, to be by such Curate delivered over to the Church-Warden on duty (*en charge*) for the time being, to be by him handed over to his successors in office, to be preserved among the papers of the Fabrique, and to be read yearly at the first general meeting of the Church-Wardens, after the election of any Church-Warden or Church-Wardens, which Church-Warden or Church-Wardens shall read the same, or cause the same to be publicly read at the Church-door of the Parish, on the three first Sundays of September in every year, immediately after divine service in the morning, under a penalty of twenty shillings, currency, for each and every offence.

XIII.