

very of any penalty, forfeiture, damage, or injury, as hereinbefore mentioned.

IV. And for the more easy and effectual apprehension of all offenders against this Act, be it enacted, That when and so often as any of the said offences shall happen, it shall and may be lawful to or for any constable or other peace-officer, or for the owner of any such horse, cattle or animal, upon view thereof, or upon the information of any other person (who shall declare his or their name or names and place or places of abode, to the said constable or other peace-officer), to seize and secure by the authority of this Act, and forthwith and without any other authority or warrant, to convey any such offender before any one Justice of the Peace within whose jurisdiction the offence shall have been committed, to be dealt with according to law; and such Justice shall forthwith proceed to examine upon oath any witness or witnesses who shall appear or be produced to give information touching any such offence, which oath the said Justice is hereby authorized and empowered to administer.

Apprehension
of offenders
facilitated.

V. If any person who shall be apprehended for having committed any offence against this Act shall refuse to discover his name and place of abode to the Justice before whom he shall be brought, such person refusing shall immediately be delivered over to a constable or other peace-officer, and shall by him be conveyed to the common Gaol or House of Correction for the City, Town, District or County within which the offence shall have been committed, or in which the offender shall have been apprehended, there to remain for a space not exceeding one calendar month or until he shall make known his name and place of abode to the said Justice.

Committal of
persons apprehended
and refusing to
give their
names, &c.

VI. The prosecution of every offence punishable under this Act shall be commenced within three calendar months next after the commission of the offence, and not otherwise; and the evidence of the party complaining shall be admitted in proof of the offence.

Limitation of
suits.
Evidence.

VII. In every case of a conviction under this Act where the sum which shall be awarded for the amount of the damage or injury done, or which shall be imposed as a penalty by any such Justice as aforesaid, for any offence contrary to this Act, shall not be paid either immediately upon or after the conviction, or within such period as such Justice shall at the time of the conviction appoint, it shall be lawful for such Justice (unless where otherwise specially directed) to commit the offender to the common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be imprisoned only, or to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour, according to the discretion of such Justice, for any term not exceeding fourteen days, where the amount of the sum awarded or the penalty imposed, or both (as the case may be) together with the costs, shall not exceed five pounds, and for any term not exceeding two calendar months where the amount with costs shall exceed five pounds; the commitment to be determinable in each of the cases aforesaid upon payment of the sum or sums awarded and costs.

Committal of
offender for
non payment
of penalty
&c.

VIII. It shall be lawful for any one such Justice as aforesaid, in all cases in which no other mode of proceeding is specially provided or directed by this Act, or in any case where any person shall not be conveyed before any Justice by the authority of this Act, upon information or complaint made by any person of any offence against the provisions of this Act, within fourteen days next after the commission of any such

Summons to
offender in certain
cases.