

XXII. *And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid,* that so soon as any information shall have been exhibited before the said Commissioners, a notice thereof shall be put into the office of the said Clerk, and also in the office of the Collector, or Deputy, residing nearest to the place where such seizure shall have been made ; and that if the Owner, or person having charge of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, Vessel, Boat, Raft, or Carriage, so seized as aforesaid, shall exhibit a claim to the same, or any part thereof, then it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, after the said notice shall have been put up fifteen days, as aforesaid, to proceed to hear and determine any claim which may in the meantime have been filed with the said Clerk, or to the condemnation thereof, if no such claim shall have been made.

XXIII. *And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Commissioners, or any one of them, shall have power and authority to administer all oaths, and take any affidavits required for carrying the provisions of this Act into effect ; and that if any person or persons shall at any time forswear him, her, or themselves, before such Commissioner or Commissioners, he, she, or they shall incur and be liable to the same penalties as would have been incurred upon conviction of wilful and corrupt perjury, in any evidence given in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench in this Province in any cause there depending.

XXIV. *Provided always, And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners to entertain any claim of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, Vessel, Boat, Raft, or Carriage, until the person exhibiting the same shall have entered into a Bond, with sufficient sureties, in the penalty of Twenty Pounds, conditioned for the payment of such costs as shall be awarded by the said Commissioners, in case the said Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, Vessel, Boat, Raft, or Carriage, shall be condemned.