

the qualification of Justices of the Peace ; and that the same is lying and being (or issuing out of lands, tenements or hereditaments, situate) within the Township, Parish or Seigniority of _____, or in the several Townships, Parishes, or Seigniorities of _____ (or as the case may be)--So help me God."

The certificate of such oath to be deposited at the Office of the Peace.

A certificate of which oath having been so taken and subscribed as aforesaid, shall be forthwith deposited by the said Justice of the Peace who shall have taken the same at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the District, and be by the said Clerk filed among the records of the sessions of the said District.

Clerks of the Peace to deliver on demand an attested copy of such oath.

4. And be it enacted, that every such Clerk of the Peace, shall, upon demand for that purpose made, forthwith deliver a true and attested copy of the said oath in writing to any person paying the sum of one shilling, and no more, for the same; which copy being produced as evidence on trial of any issue in any action or suit brought upon this Act, shall have the same force and effect as the record of the said Oath would have, if so produced.

Penalty on Justices of the Peace acting without having taken the oath and not being qualified.

5. And be it enacted, that from and after the said first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, any person who shall act as Justice of the Peace in and for any District in this province, without having taken and subscribed the said oath as aforesaid, or without being qualified according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of twenty-five pounds, currency, one moiety to Her Majesty, and the other moiety to such person or persons as shall sue for the same, to be recovered, together with full costs of suit, by civil action, or by plaint or information, in any Court having competent jurisdiction in the District wherein the offence shall have been committed, and in every such action, suit or information, the proof of his qualification shall be upon the person against whom the suit shall be brought.