

under other Acts relating to collection of the Revenue ;  
 but all such penalties shall be sued for within one year after 2  
 they are incurred and not afterwards : provided always,  
 that if the penalty do not exceed it may be 4  
 recovered before any one Justice of the Peace in summary  
 manner, and if not paid may be levied by distress under 6  
 warrant of such Justice ; and if the penalty exceed  
 the offender may be indicted for a misdemeanor in contra- 8  
 vention of the provisions of this Act or of the regulations made  
 under it, (instead of being sued for such penalty) and if 10  
 convicted shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment or  
 both, in the discretion of the Court. 12

Who may be  
 a Witness.

XX, And be it enacted, That in any action or proceeding  
 for the recovery of postage, or of any penalty under this Act, 14  
 the same may be recovered on the evidence of any one  
 credible witness, and any Post Master or other Officer or 16  
 Servant of the Provincial Post Office, shall be a competent  
 witness, although he may be entitled to or entertain rea- 18  
 sonable expectation of receiving some portion or the whole  
 of the sum to be recovered ; and the *onus* of shewing that 20  
 any thing proved to have been done by the Defendant was  
 done in conformity to or without contravention of this Act, 22  
 shall lie upon the Defendant.

Interpretation  
 clause.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the Interpretation Act 24  
 shall apply to this Act which shall be cited and known as  
*The Post-Office Act* ; and that the following terms and 26  
 expressions therein, shall have the meanings hereinafter  
 assigned to them, unless such meaning be repugnant to the 28  
 subject or inconsistent with the context ; the term "Letter"  
 shall include Packets of Letters ; the term "Postage" shall 30  
 mean the duty or sum chargeable for the conveyance of  
 Post Letters, Packets and other things by Post ; the term 32  
 "Foreign Country" shall mean any country not included  
 in the dominions of Her Majesty ; the term " Foreign 34  
 Postage " shall mean the postage on the conveyance of  
 Letters, Packets or other things within any Foreign Coun- 36  
 try ; the term " Colonial Postage" shall mean the postage  
 on the conveyance of Letters, Packets or other things 28  
 within any of the British Colonies in North America,  
 which Colonies when referred to in this Act shall be under- 40  
 stood to be those only which, being parties to the agreement  
 aforesaid, shall have acquired the right of establishing and 42  
 regulating Inland Posts under the Act of the British Par-  
 liament mentioned in the Preamble of this Act :— 44  
 the term " Provincial Postage" shall mean the postage  
 on the conveyance of letters, packets and other things 46  
 by Post within this Province ; the term " Mail " shall