

is expedient, that a diligent and impartial inquiry should be made into the amount of such losses :—Be it therefore Ordained and Enacted by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of this Province, authorized to execute the Commission of the Governor thereof, by and with the advice and consent of the Special Council for the affairs of the said Province, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the first year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, “ *An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada;*”—And it is hereby Ordained and Enacted by the authority of the same, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province, or for the person administering the Government thereof, from time to time, by Commission under the Great Seal of the said Province, to appoint three persons as Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to enquire into the losses sustained by Her Majesty’s loyal subjects, during the late unnatural Rebellion, and also into the means which may be possessed by the parties, who may have occasioned such losses, to indemnify the sufferers, and the legal recourse which the said sufferers may have against the said parties.

Governor may appoint Commissioners to enquire into losses sustained during the late rebellion.

Commissioners to take an oath faithfully to discharge their duty.

II. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners, before they enter upon the execution of their Office, shall take an Oath before any one of Her Majesty’s Justices of any of Her Majesty’s Courts of King’s Bench, within the said Province, and which he is hereby authorized to administer, to the following effect.

“ I, A. B., do swear that, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, I will faithfully, impartially and truly execute the duty of Commissioner for ascertaining losses sustained by certain loyal Inhabitants of this Province, during the late unnatural Rebellion. So help me God.”

Commissioners may examine witnesses upon oath.

III. And be it further Ordained and Enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, and required to examine upon oath, all persons whom the said Commissioners shall think fit to examine, touching all such matters and things as shall be necessary for the execution of the powers vested in the said Commissioners by this Act; and all such persons are hereby directed and required personally to attend the said Commissioners, at such time and place as they shall appoint.

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IV. And be it further Ordained and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Commissioners be authorized, and they are hereby authorized to meet and sit, from time to time, at such place or places as the Governor, or person administering the Government