

the sixth, whereby the business of the country was impeded : And whereas fears are entertained, that on account of the absence from the Island, or death of parties named in the Jury panels drawn from the Jury lists at the last sittings of the Supreme Court for Prince and Queen's Counties, the whole of such parties cannot be served with a summons to attend : And whereas it is desirable and for the public good, that an Act should be passed to meet the emergency, and prevent the further delay of public business in the Courts :

Grand Jury panel for October term, 1854, or Hilary term, 1855, of Supreme Court, not to be vitiated by failure of Sheriff to summon all the Jurors named therein.

Provided 13 Grand Jurors shall have been summoned and be in attendance.

Who shall have same powers, &c as Grand Juries legally constituted, &c.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows : If it shall appear at the next October term of the Supreme Court for Prince County, or at the next Hilary term of the Supreme Court for Queen's County, that the Sheriff of the County, (as the case may be,) shall have failed or been unable to summon all the persons named in the Grand Jury panel drawn for such term, such panel shall not on that account be set aside or vitiated, nor shall the proceedings of the Grand Jury be on that account delayed ; provided at least thirteen Grand Jurors of those named in the panel shall have been duly summoned, and shall be in attendance, who shall have power to take cognizance of, transact and proceed with all Indictments, Bills, Investigations, Trials and other business usually transacted or proceeded with by Grand Juries legally constituted and summoned, and all acts done, Indictments found, or Presentments made by them shall, notwithstanding any objection to be taken to the Grand Jury panel or otherwise, because some one or more of the Jurors named therein have not been summoned as by law required or otherwise, shall be, and the same are hereby rendered as legal and valid as if all the requisites in such respects had been fully complied with.