

such Commission or Commissions, or as many of them as shall be thereby empowered to act in the execution thereof, shall have all such powers for the conducting such inquiry now by law vested in Commissioners of Inquiry appointed under the Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-eight, intituled, *An Act to empower Commissioners for inquiring into matters connected with the public business to take evidence on oath*; and the expense of executing every such Commission of Inquiry to be settled and allowed by the Inspector General of this Province for the time being, or his Deputy, shall be borne by such Municipal Corporation, and so soon as the same shall be so settled and allowed as aforesaid, shall be a debt due to the Commissioner or Commissioners named in such Commission, to be provided for and paid by such Municipal Corporation as any other debt due by them in their corporate capacity, and upon default in payment of the same within three calendar months from the same having been demanded by such Commissioner or Commissioners, or any one of them, at the office of the Chamberlain or Treasurer of such Municipal Corporation, shall be recoverable against such Municipal Corporation as any other debt.

Powers of the Commissioners.

Act of Canada 9 V. c. 38. cited.

As to expenses of commission.

CLXXXII. And be it enacted, That with respect to any debt *bonâ fide* due by any District Municipal Council, City, Town or Village Council, or Board of Police in Upper Canada, prior to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, it shall and may be lawful for the Municipal Corporation by this Act substituted for such District Municipal Council, City, Town or Village Council, or Board of Police, at any time within one year after the time appointed for this Act to commence, to pass a By-law providing for the liquidation of such debt, and upon such By-law being approved by the Governor of this Province in Council, none of the provisions of this Act by which increased facilities are provided for the recovery of debts due by such Municipal Corporation shall be applicable to such debts or any of them, until after default shall be made by such Municipal Corporation in raising the necessary funds for the discharge of such debts, or in applying such funds when so raised to the discharge of the same according to the provisions of such By-law; Provided always nevertheless, first, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend, to prevent

As to debts due by Municipal Corporations prior to 1st January, 1849: a By-law may be passed with approval of the Governor in Council, &c.

Proviso as to Corporations