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Peace of each respective District, or so many of them as are or shall be limited in the Commission of the Peace, who shall hear and determine all matters relative to the Conservation of the Peace, and whatsoever is by them cognizable, according to the Laws of England, and the Ordinances of the Governor and Legislative Council of the Province.

Places and Times of Sitting.

The said Sessions for the District of Quebec, shall be held at the City of Quebec, and the said Sessions for the District of Montreal shall be held at the City of Montreal, on the days hereafter following, to wit, on the second Tuesdays of the Months of January, April, July and October, in every year.

Two Commissioners to sit weekly.

And Two of the said Commissioners of the Peace shall sit weekly in Rotation, in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal, for the better Regulation of the Police, and other matters and Things belonging to their Office ; and the names of the Commissioners who are to sit in each Week shall be posted up on the Door of the Sessions House, by the Clerk of the Peace, Two Days before their respective Sittings.

Art. III.

Captains of Militia impowered in their respective Parishes to act as Coroners.

As the great extent of this Province may render it often impracticable for the Coroner of the District to give his attendance at the different Places where it might be necessary, the Captains of Militia shall be and hereby are impowered, in their respective Parishes, when any marks of Violence appear on any dead Body, to summon together Six respectable Householdors of his Parish, to inspect the same ; and he shall, according to their Opinion, report the manner and cause of such Death in writing, to the nearest Commissioner of the Peace, that a further examination may be made therein, if necessary.

Art. IV.

Captains of Militia appointed Peace Officers in their respective Parishes.

And as great Inconveniences might arise from the want of Peace Officers in different parts of the Province, the said Captains of Militia shall be and hereby are impowered to arrest any Person guilty of any Breach of the Peace, or any Criminal offence, within their respective Parishes, and to convey or cause to be conveyed, such Person before the nearest Commissioner of the Peace, to be dealt with according to Law.

(signed)

GUY CARLETON

Ordained and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and passed in Council under the Great Seal of the Province at the Council Chamber, in the Castle of St Lewis, in