

power to hear and determine all appeals from the decisions, judgments, and decrees of the Commissioners first above referred to.

Examination of claims
by commissioners.

VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Commissioners, or the majority of them, shall, and they are hereby empowered and required, in a summary way, without the formality of proceedings in the Courts of Law or Equity, to proceed by and upon the testimony of witnesses upon oath, examination of persons claiming, or otherwise interested, upon their oaths, inspection, and examination of deeds of writings and records, or by all or any of the said ways and means or otherwise, or according to the circumstances of the case, as soon as conveniently may be, to hear and determine, and adjudge all and every claim and claims which shall be entered within the times aforesaid, and that every party claiming shall, if required by the said Commissioners, or by or on behalf of His Majesty's Attorney or Solicitor General of this Province, upon oath, answer to the truth of his or her claim, and to such proper interrogatories as the Commissioners shall think fitting for the clearing thereof, and upon oath produce before the said Court, at the hearing of such claim, all such deeds, writings, and evidences, as are in his custody or power, any ways concerning the said claim or the subject matter thereof.

Evidence to be pro-
duced.
Oath of claimants.

His Majesty's Attor-
ney and Solicitor Gen.
to defend on behalf of
His Majesty.

IX. *And to the end that due care may be taken of the interest of His Majesty in respect of such claims as shall be offered, as aforesaid, It is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That His Majesty's Attorney General of this Province, or in his absence, the Solicitor General, shall and they are hereby empowered and required to provide for making proper answers and defence on behalf of His Majesty, to all such claims as shall be offered as aforesaid, and for reversing, affirming, and amending the decrees that shall be passed upon such claims, as they shall see cause.

In what manner the
sums decreed to claim-
ants shall be paid.

X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That where the claim so to be determined, as aforesaid, to be just and lawful, shall contain a demand of any sum or sums of money, any wise affecting any of the said estates, real or personal, then and in such case, the said Commissioners or the majority of them, shall, and are hereby expressly empowered and required to issue out debentures or certificates to claimants for the respective sum or sums which shall be determined to be due and payable to them severally, by the decrees of the said Commissioners, which debentures or certificates, with legal interest, shall be paid without any deduction, fee or reward, by the aforesaid special Receiver, out of such rents, profits, and proceeds, as shall be paid into his hands from the respective estates, upon which the said claims are allowed, so that such claims shall in no case exceed the rents, profits, and proceeds, received by the said special Receiver from and on account of the estate, in respect of which, the said claim is made.

Sheriff to put claim-
ants in possession of
real estates decreed to
them.

XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when the said claim shall contain a demand of any lands, tenements, or other real estate whatsoever, or any interest therein, and shall be adjudged and decreed by the