

time during the space of two years from and after the expiration of the before mentioned Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province to issue such and so many Commissions under the Great Seal of this Province for each and every District within the said Province, in such manner and form, and to be directed to such and so many persons as he shall judge proper, of whom His Majesty's Chief Justice of this Province or one of the Justices of the Court of King's Bench shall be one, which said Commissioners or any three of them in cases in which His Majesty's letters Patent have not as yet been made out, shall by and under the authority of such Commission or Commissions, have power to hear and determine in manner hereinafter specified all claims to Lands, or to a lien or liens upon Lands in this Province in which the claim or title of the original nominee or nominees shall be found to have accrued or existed, prior to the passing of this Act and respecting which lands no Report has been made under the said former Acts, whether such claims shall be set up by the original nominee or nominees thereof, or by persons claiming absolute title under such nominee or nominees, or as mortgage creditors of, or under such nominee or nominees; Provided the original nominee or nominees founded his, her, or their claim or claims under the authority of General Haldimand's certificates, Lieutenant Governor Hamilton's certificates, the Surveyor General's Department, Land Board certificates, Magistrates recommendations, Treasury Tickets for Canada Bounty, and Orders in Council, or any other authority in any wise derived from his Majesty.

Judges to be Commissioners.

How Claims to be brought forward,

II. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid;* That it shall and may be lawful to and for all and every person or persons setting up such claims as aforesaid, either in person or by agent duly authorized to come before and produce to such Commissioners or any three of them whereof the said Chief Justice or some one of the said Justices of the said Court of King's Bench shall be one, all such documents and evidences as he, she or they may be in possession of, for the purpose of satisfying such Commissioners as aforesaid of the validity of such claim or claims as he, she or they, shall or may set up to any such lands as aforesaid, for which purpose such Commissioners or any one of them, are and is hereby authorized and empowered to administer such oath or oaths either to the party or parties claiming, or to the witness or witnesses appearing in support of such claim or claims, whether the same be between subject and subject, or between the subject and the Crown, as shall be judged proper and expedient; and also by summons under the signature of any one of the said commissioners to require the attendance of all such persons whose evidence may be judged necessary to ascertain the validity of any such claim or claims, or to explain the subject matter thereof, and in such summons also to order the production of all such books, papers and documents as shall be in the custody or power of any such person or persons, whose attendance shall be so required by such summons, in such manner

and proved.

Commissioners may summon Witnesses, &c.