

cations transmitted through the Line of Telegraph, such rates and dues as shall be from time to time fixed and appointed by the Governor in Council, which shall be paid to such persons, and at such places, near to the place where such service may have been performed, in such manner, and under such regulations, as the said Commissioners shall direct and appoint; and in case of denial or neglect of payment of any such rate or dues, or any part thereof, on demand, to the person appointed to receive the same as aforesaid, the said Commissioners may sue for and recover the same in their own names, or the names of any two of them, or in the name of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in any Court having competent jurisdiction; and the Governor in Council shall have full power from time to time to lower or reduce any of the said rates and dues, and again to raise the same, as often as it shall be deemed necessary for the interests of the said undertaking.

XIX. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall wilfully obstruct or impede said Commissioners, or any of them, or any Officer, Agent, or Contractor, appointed by said Commissioners, in the execution of their duty with regard to the said Telegraph, or to the using thereof, or of any Apparatus or Works thereto belonging or appertaining, or upon or in any of the Stations, or other Works, or Premises connected therewith, or if any person shall wilfully trespass upon the said Telegraph, or any of the Stations or other Works or Premises connected with the said Telegraph, and shall refuse to quit the same upon request to him made by any of said Commissioners, or any Officer, Agent, or Contractor of the said Commissioners, every such person so offending, and all others aiding and assisting therein, shall and may be seized and detained by any such Commissioner, Officer, or Agent, or Contractor, or any person whom he may call to his assistance, until such offender can be conveniently taken before some Justice of the Peace for the County wherein such offence shall be committed, and when convicted before such Justice as aforesaid, (who is hereby authorized, and required, upon complaint to him upon oath, to take cognizance thereof, and to act summarily in the premises), shall, in the discretion of such Justice, forfeit to Her Majesty any sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned for any term not exceeding Two Months—such imprisonment to be determined on payment of the amount of penalty.

cil—recovery thereof by Commissioners, &c.

Penalty for obstruction of Commrs. &c. in execution of duty.

XX. *And be it enacted*, That all fines and forfeitures inflicted by this Act, or which shall be inflicted by virtue of any order to be made in pursuance thereof, of which order when produced, all Justices are hereby required to take notice, the levying and recovering of which fines and forfeitures are not particularly herein directed, shall, upon proof of the offence before any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, either by the confession of the party, or by the oath or affirmation of any one credible witness, (which oath or affirmation such Justice or Justices are hereby empowered and required to administer without fee or reward), be levied by distress and sale of the offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant, under the hand and seal, or hands and seals of such Justice or Justices; and all such respective fines, forfeitures, or penalties, by this Act imposed and inflicted, or authorised to be imposed and inflicted, the application whereof is not herein before particularly directed, shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of this Province, and shall be applied and disposed of for the use of the said Telegraph or Undertaking; and the overplus of the money raised by such distress and sale, after deducting the penalty and expenses of the levying and recovering thereof, shall be rendered to the owner of the Goods so distrained and sold, and for want of sufficient Goods and Chattels whereof to levy the said penalty and expenses, the offender shall be sent to the Common Jail for the County, there to remain without bail or main prise for such term not exceeding One Month, as such Justice or Justices shall think proper, unless such penalty or forfeiture, and all expenses attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Mode of levying and recovery, and application of Fines not herein particularly directed.