

adjacent to such part as last aforesaid, of the coast of *Labrador*, shall be and the same are hereby re-annexed to and made a part of the said Province of *Lower Canada*, and shall henceforward be subject to the Laws of the said Province, and to none other; and so much of the said recited Acts passed in the forty-ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, and in the fifth year of the Reign of His present Majesty, as relates to such part of the coast of *Labrador*, as last aforesaid, and the said Island of *Anticosti* and other adjacent Islands, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Court of Escheats may be constituted in the said Province to try Forfeitures of uncultivated Lands liable to Escheat to the crown.

X. And whereas it is necessary to enable His Majesty more easily to resume from Time to Time such uncultivated Lands within the said Province, holden in Free and Common Soccage, as now are or hereafter may be liable to Escheat and become forfeited to His Majesty by Escheat to the reason of the Non-performance of the Conditions of Settlement and Cultivation, or other Conditions mentioned and contained in the Letters Patent or Grants thereof heretofore made, or which shall hereafter be made by His Majesty, either in virtue of this Act or otherwise; be it enacted, that it shall any may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of the said Province, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, to constitute and appoint, by a Commission under the Great Seal of the said Province, one or more Person or Persons to be a Commissioner or Commissioners of Escheats and Forfeitures of Land within the said Province; which said Commissioner and Commissioners is and are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time, on Information being made and filed before him or them by the Attorney General or Solicitor General of the said Province, or other Person appointed for that purpose on behalf of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, concerning the performance or non-performance of the conditions of any Grants or Letters Patent by which any such Land as aforesaid shall at any time have been held, to inquire, on the part and behalf of His Majesty, by the oaths of twelve good and lawful men, to be duly summoned for that purpose by the Sheriff, upon a precept to be issued and directed to him from the Office of the Secretary of the Province, whether the Lands mentioned in the said information are or shall be liable to Escheat, and be forfeited to His Majesty, by reason of the non-performance of any of the conditions of the respective Grants or Letters Patent thereof; and the said Commissioner or Commissioners shall proceed in the cognizance of the matters aforesaid as nearly as circumstances will admit, according to the rules, course, and practice of the Law of *England*, in the like cases, and shall have power and authority to summon Witnesses to attend and give evidence before the said Inquest; and the testimony on Oath, of one or more competent Witness or Witnesses, either before the said Inquest, or taken in writing before a Person or Persons to be appointed for that purpose by the said Commissioner or Commissioners, and returned and exhibited before the said Inquest, shall be good and sufficient Evidence of the matters alledged in such Information; and the said Commissioner or Commissioners shall duly return the Inquisition which he or they shall from time to time take by virtue of this Act, under his or their Seals, and the Seals of those by whose Oaths he or they shall have taken the same, into the Office of the Secretary of the Province within thirty days after the taking thereof, and also within the same time return a Transcript thereof, and of the whole proceedings relating to the same, into the Supreme Court of Original Jurisdiction holding Civil Pleas in the District in which the Lands and Premises comprised in the information shall be situate, and thereupon such Lands and Premises as are thereby found to be forfeited to His Majesty for non-performance of any of the conditions on which the same shall have been granted, shall be and they are hereby declared to be re-vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, any former Grant or Letters Patent thereof notwithstanding: Provided always, that no new Grant of such Lands shall be made for the space of one year from the date

Court how to proceed.

Inquests to be returned.

No new Grant of Escheated