

Warrant of distress.

29. If any person or company rated and assessed shall not pay the amount within thirty days after service of notice, the city treasurer may issue a warrant of distress to collect it, in the following form :

City of Halifax.

To the city constables, or any of them.

Whereas ——— is indebted to the city in the sum of ——— for rates for the year 18—, and has omitted to pay the same after full notice so to do, you shall forthwith distrain the goods and chattels of the said ——— for the said sum, and ten per cent. additional ; and if within seven days after distress made, the amount of the rate, with ten per cent., and your reasonable charges in this distress, not exceeding three shillings per day, be not paid you, you shall sell the goods and chattels so distrained upon to satisfy the same. Halifax, ———, 18—.

———, city treasurer.

Suits for rates.

30. If the money assessed be not collected and paid over to the treasurer under the warrant of distress, he may sue for the amount inclusive of the ten per cent., or for so much as is not collected, as in case of debt. The action to be in the name of the city. The treasurer's certificate in writing shall be presumptive evidence of the rate being due and unpaid, and shall be sufficient to entitle the city to a judgment without further proof, unless a good and just defence can be made thereto.

Under absconding debtors' act.

31. Any person absent from the province, and any company whose effects are not to be found or are insufficient to levy upon by way of distress, may be proceeded against according to the provisions of the absent debtor laws for rates due to the city.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE POOR ASYLUM.

Poor house.

1. The poor of the city of Halifax, who by law are chargeable upon its inhabitants, shall be accommodated, supported and relieved in the city poor asylum.

No out door relief.

2. No pension, out-door allowance, or other relief granted to persons not residing in the asylum, shall be granted or paid out of any funds raised by assessment in the city.

Commissioners.

3. The honorable Edward Kenny, the honorable Mather Byles Almon, the honorable Hugh Bell, George Norton Russell, James Walton Nutting, William Lawson, Charles Twining, Henry Pryor, Thomas S. Tobin, William M. Allan, Thomas R. Grassie, and Andrew M. Uniacke, heretofore the commissioners of the poor for