

CAP. V.

An Act to enable the Government to ascertain the Population of this Colony, and to obtain other Statistical information therein mentioned.

[Passed 9th March, 1855.]

Lieut Governor to appoint one person for each Township and Islands nearest thereto, and one for each Town & Royalty, &c.

To ascertain number of inhabitants, and for other purposes.

Persons questioned to be informed of penalty imposed by this Act for wilful misrepresentation.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or other Administrator of the Government for the time being, in Council, to appoint one fit and proper person for each of the several Townships and Island or Islands nearest thereto, and one for each Town, Royalty, Common and Reserved Lands in this Island, to enquire into and ascertain the number of persons residing within the said District, and for other purposes hereinafter mentioned; and it shall be the duty of the persons so appointed to inform the parties questioned, that in case of wilful misinformation being given by them, they will be liable to the penalty hereinafter imposed by this Act.

Duty of persons so appointed.

II. It shall and may be lawful for the persons so appointed, and they are hereby required to visit every house within the several Townships and Islands, and within every Town, Royalty, Common and Reserved Land in this Island, for which they shall have been respectively appointed, and to require of all persons such information as may be necessary for filling up accurately the several columns in their respective returns, according to the form or schedule to this Act annexed.

Penalty on persons refusing to

III. Every person who shall refuse to answer, or shall knowingly answer falsely to any question