

III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Commissioners or any three of them shall provide fit and sufficient Books of Record wherein set down, to enter, and Record all proceedings had before them in the execution of the said commission, and shall have full power and authority to nominate and appoint some fit and proper person to be Clerk or Secretary of the said Commission whose duty it shall be, fully, fairly, and truly to enter, set down, Transcribe and Record, in such Book or Books as aforesaid, all proceedings of the said Commissioners, or any three of them and the nature and effect of such written or other evidence as shall come before them, and who before entering on such duty, shall take and subscribe the following oath, "I, A. B. do make oath and swear, that I will truly and faithfully discharge and perform the duty of Secretary to the Commissioners appointed under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of Upper-Canada, entitled "an Act to afford relief to persons holding or possessing Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments in the District of Niagara, and will make true Records of all proceedings had before the said Commissioners, without partiality to any person whatsoever, so help me God," and which said Clerk or Secretary so appointed, shall have power to administer to each and every of the said Commissioners the following oath to be by them made and subscribed, before entering on the execution of the said Commission, which oath in the following form shall be written, in such Book as aforesaid, "We A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. and J. K. do severally make oath and swear, That we will truly and faithfully discharge and perform the duty of Commissioners, under the provisions of an Act of Parliament of this Province, entitled 'an Act to afford relief to persons holding or possessing Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, in the District of Niagara,' and will cause true Records to be made of all proceedings laid before us in the execution of the said Commission without partiality, favor or affection to any person."

IV. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no sitting of the said Commissioners, shall be held or holden, unless Notice in writing of the time and place of holding the same, subscribed by one of the said Commissioners, shall first be affixed up in the Register Office of the said counties, and unless the time and place of holding thereof, shall first in open Court be proclaimed at some General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the said District, by and for the space of two months next before the sitting of the said Commission.

V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Commissioners or any three of them shall have full power and authority to cause to come before them at any sitting so to be holden as aforesaid, any person or persons to give evidence, on oath, touching the loss or destruction of any Deed, Conveyance, Will, Mortgage, Lease or other Mesne Conveyance affecting any Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said District, or touching or affecting the Estate, Right and Interest of any person or persons claiming the same, and the Testimony and Evidence, which shall by any such person or persons be thereof given before the said Commission, the said Commissioners shall cause to be set down in writing, entered and Recorded, in such Book or Books to be provided as aforesaid, which person or persons appearing and attending to give such evidence, shall be entitled to demand and receive under rule or order of the said Commissioners, from the party on whose behalf they shall attend, a like allowance as is paid to witnesses attending the trial of Issues in His Majesty's Court of His Bench, Provided nevertheless that no such Evidence or Testimony affecting any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, within the said District, or the Estate, Rights and Interests, of any person therein shall be admitted, taken, entered or Recorded, by the said Commissioners in such Book or Books as aforesaid, unless proof be adduced to the said Com-

Commissioners to provide Books of Record, wherein to set down all proceedings.

Also to nominate a Clerk to said Commission.

Duty of said Clerk.

Oath of said Clerk.

Clerk to administer Oath to Commissioners.

Oath of Commissioners.

Notice to be given of the time and place of holding said Commissions.

Power of Commissioners to cause to come before them any Persons to give evidence to be set in writing.

Money to be paid to Witnesses.

No Evidence, &c. affecting any Lands shall be admitted as aforesaid unless Proof be advanced that a sum