

door of every parish Church situated in such Seigniori, during two consecutive Sundays at the conclusion of divine service in the forenoon, or by placards in both languages, posted during a fortnight in the most frequented place of any parish or settlement, in which there shall be no church.

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They may enter on lands to examine their value.

XXVII. It shall be lawful for each of the said Commissioners to enter upon all lands situate in the Seigniori the Schedule whereof is to be made by him, in order to make such examination thereof as may be necessary and useful to assist him in establishing the price of redemption of the Seigniorial rights due thereon, without his being subject in respect thereof to any obstruction or prosecution, and with the right to command the assistance of all Justices, Peace Officers and others, in order to enter and make such examination, in case of opposition.

Their powers as to examination of witnesses and evidence.

XXVIII. The said Commissioners and each of them separately, shall have full power and authority to examine on oath any person who shall appear before them or any of them, either as a party interested or a witness, and to summon before them or any of them, all persons whom they or any of them may deem it expedient to examine upon the matters subject to their consideration, and the facts which they may require to ascertain in order to carry this Act into effect, and to require any such person to bring with him and produce before them or any of them any Book, Paper, Plan, Instrument, Document or thing mentioned in such Summons and deemed necessary for the purposes of this Act; and if any person so summoned shall refuse or neglect to appear before them or before the Commissioner who shall have summoned him, or appearing shall refuse to answer any lawful question put to him, or to produce any Book, Paper, Plan, Instrument, Document, or thing whatsoever which may be in his possession, and which he shall have been required, by such summons, to bring with him or to produce, the said Commissioners, or such one of them as shall have issued the summons, may order the said person, if not present, to be apprehended and brought before him or them, and when such person is present or is apprehended, may in his or their discretion commit such person to the Common Gaol of the District, for a period not exceeding one calendar month.

Punishment of witnesses refusing to appear or answer, &c.

Experts may be appointed in certain cases. Where the rules for valuation may be deemed inapplicable.

XXIX. Whenever the Commissioner charged with the making of the Schedule of a Seigniori shall be of opinion that the rules prescribed in this Act for determining the price at which the lands therein may be released from Seigniorial rights, do not form an equitable basis for the valuation of such rights in such Seigniori, or when the Seignior, or not less than twelve *Censitaires* of the said Seigniori, shall call upon the said Commissioner in writing, within a period not exceeding eight days after the day fixed for the commencement of the investigation by the Commissioner, requiring that *experts* be appointed to determine the price of redemption of the said Seigniorial rights, the said

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