

Appointment
of Persons to
take Census

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly,* That the Courts of General or Special Sessions of the Peace, to be held in the several Counties of this Province, shall be, and are hereby authorized and required to appoint and order either the Overseers of Statute Labor, the Collectors of County Rates, or the Assessors thereof, or such other persons as the Grand Juries shall recommend, to take the Census of all the Inhabitants residing in the several parts or districts in said County for which they are appointed, and to make return thereof under oath, to the Clerk of the Peace, on or before the first day of December next, as hereinafter directed.

Description of
Census to be
taken

Shewing the number of Males who are heads of Families, their names and occupations.

The number of Male Children under six years of age.

The number of Female Children under six years of age.

The number of Males under fourteen years of age.

The number of Females under fourteen years of age.

The number of Females above fourteen years of age.

And the number of Males above fourteen years of age, who are not heads of Families.

Expence of
Census how to
be defrayed

II. *And be it further enacted,* That the General Sessions of the Peace, held in the several Counties, are hereby authorized and empowered, by and upon the recommendation of the Grand Jury, to direct to be assessed in the same manner as and together with other County Rates and Taxes, a just and reasonable sum of money off said County, to pay the persons appointed as aforesaid, for taking the said Census, and also, for paying the Clerks of the Peace for services imposed by this Act.

Persons ap-
pointed to
take Census
refusing to Act

III. *And be it further enacted,* That every person appointed for taking said Census as aforesaid, who shall refuse or neglect to act as hereinbefore directed, shall forfeit and pay a fine of Two Pounds, one moiety of which to be for the use and benefit of the poor of the Township where the person so offending shall reside; the other moiety to the use and benefit of the person prosecuting for the same, to be sued for before any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in said County, in the same way and manner as though such fine were a debt due to the person prosecuting.

Vacancies how
to be filled up

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That in case of death, removal or refusal to serve, of any person who shall be appointed as aforesaid, to take said Census, it shall and may be lawful for any General or Special Sessions to appoint another in his place, who shall be liable to serve under the like penalty, to be recovered and applied in the same manner as prescribed by the last preceding clause.

Form of Cen-
sus prescribed

V. *And be it further enacted,* That the persons to be appointed respectively to take the Census hereinbefore directed, in the several Settlements or Districts of each County, shall make a return to the Clerk of the Peace of such Census so taken, in the form prescribed by the Table to this Act annexed, on or before the first day of December next, after the passing of this Act, which returns, accompanied by a general Abstract, of the numbers of Inhabitants in every such Settlement in the form, also in the Table to this Act annexed prescribed, to be made by the Clerk of the Peace, shall be transmitted to the office of the Secretary of the Province, to be submitted to the Legislature.

Census to be
returned under
oath

VI. *And be it further enacted,* That every person appointed to take such Census as aforesaid, shall annex to such return an oath in writing, in the form following:—To be sworn before some Justice of the Peace for the County in which he shall be so appointed.

I of do solemnly swear, that the account of the Inhabitants of the Township (or Settlement, as the case may be,) of is made up either from my own knowledge or from the information of the heads of Families therein named, or from their near neighbours, and contains nothing I actually know or have reason to believe to be untrue.

Sworn at
day of

before me, this }
A. D. 1838. }

A. B.

E. F. Justice of the Peace.