

without delay to the Secretary of the Province, for the information of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government, who shall, within one month after the receipt of such signification, appoint a fit person to fill the said office; and during the interval which shall elapse between such vacancy and such appointment, the duties of the same shall be performed by the Prothonotary or Clerk of the Court of the District or Inferior District, until a new appointment be made as above mentioned; which Prothonotary shall take possession of the Books of Registry and of all papers appertaining to the said Office, whereof he shall make an Inventory in the presence of two witnesses, who with the said Prothonotary or Clerk shall subscribe the same, and upon each new appointment as aforesaid, he shall deliver over the same without delay to the said newly appointed Registrar, or during the interval aforesaid to the said Prothonotary or Clerk: And if any person having such possession shall refuse or neglect so to deliver up such Books as above directed, upon being thereunto required, every such person for every such offence, shall upon conviction thereof before His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the District, forfeit and pay to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the sum of Five hundred pounds current money of this Province.

The duties to be performed by the Prothonotary until another Registrar is named &c.

Penalty.

Penalty against persons forging or counterfeiting any Act, Deed or Certificate &c.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall at any time forge or counterfeit any Act, Deed, or Notarial Act or Certificate herein before mentioned, or make or cause to be made any false entry in a Register, and be thereof lawfully convicted, every such person or persons shall incur and be liable to such pains and penalties as in and by an Act of the Parliament of *England*, made in the fifth year of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled, "An Act against Forgers of false Deeds and Writings," are imposed upon persons for forging Deeds, Charters and Writings.