

exercise such and the like privileges, immunities and powers as shall be for the time being held, enjoyed and exercised by the Senate of the Dominion of Canada, and by the respective committees and members thereof, and the House of Assembly, and the committees and members thereof respectively, shall, at any time, hold, enjoy and exercise such and the like privileges, immunities and powers as shall for the time being be held, enjoyed and exercised by the House of Commons of Canada and by the respective committees and members thereof, and such privileges, immunities, and powers of both Houses shall be deemed to be and shall be part of the general and public law of Nova Scotia, and it shall not be necessary to plead the same, but the same shall in all courts of justice in this Province, and by and before all justices and others, be taken notice of judicially.

"26.—No member of either House shall be liable to any civil action or prosecution, arrest, imprisonment, or damages by reason of any matter or thing brought by him by petition, bill, resolution, motion, or otherwise, or said by him before such House, and the bringing of any such action or prosecution, the causing or effecting any such arrest or imprisonment, and the awarding of any such damages shall be deemed violations of this chapter.

"29.—The following acts, matters and things are prohibited and shall be deemed infringements of this chapter:—(1) Insults to or assaults or libels upon members of either House during the Session of the Legislature." (The other provisions are immaterial to the present purpose.)

"30.—Each House shall be a Court of Record, and shall have all the rights and privileges of a Court of Record for the purpose of summarily enquiring into and (after the lapse of 24 hours) punishing the acts, matters and things herein declared to be violations or infringements of this chapter, and for the purposes of this chapter each House is hereby declared to possess all such powers and jurisdictions as may be necessary for enquiring into, judging and pronouncing upon the commission or doing any such acts, matters, or things, and awarding and carrying into execution the punishment thereof provided for by this chapter, and, amongst other things, each House shall have power to make such rules as may be deemed necessary or proper for its procedure as such Court as aforesaid.