

expiration of that time; and that every such future statement and account shall, by the said Sheriffs, be made up and limited to the period of three weeks prior to the first Juridical day of each Term as aforesaid, and so on from Term to Term respectively, and not otherwise.

**XIX.** And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that every Sheriff exhibiting the statements and accounts required of him by this Act, who shall knowingly and wilfully swear falsely, in any matter where an oath is by this Act authorized and required to be administered, shall be liable to suffer, upon conviction thereof, the pains and penalties by law imposed, for wilful and corrupt perjury.

**XX.** And whereas great injury and heavy losses have been frequently sustained by persons engaged in Trade and Commerce from the seizure of Rafts and Timber at the suit of paupers, Rafstmen, and others pretending Claims thereon, which seizures have been after a long and expensive litigation set aside and annulled. And whereas from the want of distinguishing marks upon, and from the number of Rafts and Timber lying and being at all Seasons in the several Coves and Harbours within the different Districts and Inferior Districts of this Province, no sufficient means exist for ascertaining the legal property and ownership in such Rafts and Timber, for the due and proper execution of process against such Rafts and Timber. For remedy thereof, Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no Sheriff of any of the Districts or Inferior Districts of this Province, shall be bound to proceed to the execution of any Writ of attachment, (*arrêt simple*) or Writ of Revendication, or of any Writ of Execution against any Raft or Timber, until such Sheriff shall have been furnished by the Party or Parties suing out such Process, with a Bond of indemnity, with two good and sufficient Securities to the satisfaction of such Sheriff, conditioned to secure and hold him harmless against all damages and costs to result from such seizure.

**XXI.** And whereas the seizure and custody of Rafts and Timber more particularly when afloat, is attended with considerable risk and expense, inasmuch as a number of guardians are requisite to ensure the safe keeping of such rafts and timber. Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be