

reign, "together with the Act continuing the same with additional Regulations," passed in the twenty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign, be continued until the thirtieth day of April, which will be in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and no longer.

Qualification of Jurors in the five New Districts.

II. And the better to adapt the general provision to the present condition of the Province, lately divided into the five New districts of Gaspe, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nassau and Hesse, be it further enacted by the same authority, that it shall be no exception or challenge to a Juror on any Inquest or Trial in either of the said New Districts, that he is not a Free-holder, if such Juror, being otherwise qualified, shall have been for one year the actual occupant of one hundred acres of land under the permission or authority of the Government, within the District for which he is summoned, and shall have had a certificate thereof signed by the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, or under the signature of the Surveyor General or Deputy Surveyor General, or any Deputy of them or either of them.

Powers of the First Judge for the District of Hesse.

III. And be it also enacted by the same authority, that until the Bench of the Court of Common Pleas for the District of Hesse, shall have three Judges duly appointed to officiate thereon, all the powers and authorities of the whole number shall be vested in such person as shall have a Commission to be the first Judge thereof; any other Law, Act or Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding.

On criminal prosecutions in the New Districts Execution to be suspended when, &c.

IV. And on account of the remoteness of the said New Districts, and for the security of the subject, and to prevent long imprisonments, and to lessen the public charges in criminal prosecutions, be it further enacted by the same authority, that on all trials to be had in either of the New Districts before Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, or general Gaol Delivery, when the Chief Justice of the Province may happen not to be one, the execution of the Sentence or Judgment of the Court shall be suspended until the pleasure of the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the time being, shall be signified thereon, by warrant under his Hand and Seal at Arms.

Copies of the Proceedings to be transmitted to the Governor.

V. And to the end that the Government may have full information of the proceedings of the said Courts of criminal Jurisdiction, be it also enacted by the same authority, that it shall be the duty of the said Courts, with all convenient speed, to transmit to the Governor, for the time being, not only copies of the indictment, information or charge, and of the plea and other proceedings in every cause before them had, but of the written and parole testimony read and given to the Jury, and the scope and substance of the points ruled in Evidence, and of their charge to the Jury, and copy of the Verdict, and of every material transaction in the cause, together with such observations as they may think proper to make on every such cause and trial, and the whole under the signatures of the majority of the Judges before whom every such trial was had; provided always and be it nevertheless enacted by the same authority, that it shall not be necessary to make such report of the proceedings, nor to stay the execution of the Sentence or Judgment in any case where it shall not extend to life or limb, nor to any greater fine, penalty or forfeiture than the sum of twenty-five pounds sterling money of Great-Britain.

Proviso.

Cases, where execution shall be stayed upon fines, &c. adjudged.

And wherever so great a sum shall be adjudged for a fine, forfeiture or penalty in any Court of Sessions of the Peace to be held in either of the said New Districts, execution shall in like manner be stayed, until such information is given to the Government by the major part of the Justices before whom the Trial was had, or Judgment given, as is above directed to be given by the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, except that it shall not be necessary in such Courts of Sessions to

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