

Proviso.

service of notice of the same ; and all such acts done and performed by any Justice of the Peace as aforesaid, shall have the same force and virtue as if the same had been done and performed by a Public Notary ; 5
 Provided that such Justice of the Peace shall state and set forth, in the body or preamble of such protest, the particulars and reasons wherefore the same could not be done and performed by a Public Notary ; and 10
 that a certificate and duplicate copy of protest or noting, containing such reasons, under the hand and seal of such Justice of the Peace, shall be deemed and taken to be sufficient proof in any Court of Law and Equity of the truth thereof. 15

Discount may be retained at time of discounting.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That in the discounting of any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note, it shall be lawful for any person to retain, receive or charge the amount 20
 of the discount or interest upon the principal sum therein specified, at the time the same shall be discounted or received, any law or usage in the Province to the contrary notwithstanding. 25

Commission may be retained in addition to discount in certain cases.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for any person who shall discount or receive any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note, payable within this Province or elsewhere, but at a distance from the place wherein the same shall be discounted or received, to charge, retain or receive over and above the legal interest upon any such Bill or Note, a commission sufficient to defray any agency, expense or exchange attending or liable to attend the collection thereof ; and the holder of the same shall, notwithstanding such commission, have the same right to recover the full amount of any such Bill or Note, with any interest thereon accrued, after maturity and protest, as he would have had if no more than interest have or had been charged, retained or