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before the  
Sitting of  
the Court of  
Assize or  
Provincial  
Court, &c.]

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be made if such Minister shall be found in this Province twenty Days at the least before the sitting of the Court of Assize Oyer & Terminer & Jail Delivery in the County where the Parish Church of such Minister shall be situate if at that Time any Assizes shall be within this Province & if no such Assizes shall then be in this Province then the same Number of Days at the least before the Sitting of the Provincial Court & the same Complaint in Writing shall be at the then next Court of Assize or Provincial Court as the Case may be after the said Copy shall be delivered as aforesaid, laid before the Grand Jury, sworn in the respective Court aforesaid & shall be together with such Evidences & Witnesses as shall be produced by the Complainants, and the Clergyman against whom such Complaint shall be made or either of them examined by such Grand Jury & if such Grand Jury shall find the Whole or any Part thereof to be true such Grand Jury shall indorse thereon that the Clergyman therein mentioned had a Copy of that Complaint delivered to him at the Time when such Copy was delivered to him if the Delivery thereof shall be sufficiently evidenced to them. And if the same was not delivered nor could be delivered for the Cause aforesaid then such Grand Jury shall endorse on such Complaint that such Clergyman was not to be found in this Province. And that such Complaint or such Part thereof as they find on such Examination to be true, is true on which Complaint or such Part thereof as shall be found true as aforesaid & not otherwise there shall be such Commission & other Proceedings as herein before mentioned.

[In Case  
of Non-  
appearance  
Commis-  
sioners may  
proceed.]

And Provided also that if any such beneficed Minister shall not appear before the Commissioners aforesaid but shall wilfully & contumaciously make Default after personal Notice of the Time and Place of such Inquiry, or make such Default after a Note under the Hand of the said Commissioners specifying the Time and Place of such Enquiry shall have been set up and affixed at his Parish Church Door, one Month at the least before such Inquiry, then and in every such Case the Commissioners aforesaid shall proceed in their Inquiry in the same Manner as in the Case of the personal Appearance before them of such Minister.

[Commis-  
sioners  
Oath.]

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all & every the Commissioners and Commissioner to be appointed as aforesaid shall before they or any of them do proceed to the Execution of such Commission as aforesaid take the several Oaths appointed by Law to be taken to the Government subscribe the Oath of Abjuration and repeat & subscribe the Test & also take the following Oath to wit, "I A B do swear that I will do equal Justice according to the best of my Knowledge & Understanding & will behave myself & execute my Office as a Commissioner appointed in Virtue of the Act entitled an Additional Supplementary Act to the Act entitled an Act for the Establishment of religious Wor-