

tobacco per perch, and no more; and if it shall so happen that the King's surveyor of the county shall be either a person interested in any of the said disputes, or related to either party, or that any just exceptions be made against him, and allowed by the said commissioners, then the said commissioners shall appoint some other skilful and honest person in his stead to perform that service.

7. AND for the better dispatch of business by the said commissioners, **BE IT ENACTED**, *by the authority aforesaid*, That the said commissioners shall and may, by their wisdoms and discretions, order and settle such just fees and rewards for such clerk and other officers and assistants, as they shall judge necessary to be by them appointed and employed, all which said officers and assistants so appointed as aforesaid, shall give their due attendance at the time and place appointed, and do and perform such services, in furtherance of this act, as shall be then and there directed them by the said commissioners, under such penalties, as by the said commissioners shall be adjudged, not exceeding one hundred pounds of tobacco, to be levied by way of execution, to the use of the said commissioners, on the body, goods, and chattels, of each of such offenders.

Fees to the clerks,  
and other officers  
&c.

8. AND for the more effectual putting this act in execution, **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, *by the authority aforesaid, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid*, That sheriffs, coroners and constables, within this province, and other the officers aforesaid, shall pay as due obedience to any precept whatsoever, that shall be directed to any of them from the commissioners aforesaid, as to any other precept whatsoever, and shall be under like pains or penalties, for disobeying or contemning thereof, and shall in all things be aiding and assisting to such commissioners in their several offices, as they are or ought to be to their several and respective county courts, or to any single justice thereof, for all which services by such sheriffs or coroners, to be performed by virtue of this act, they shall be allowed half the fees that are allowed them by law in other cases for such like services, and shall not charge or exact more, on pain of incurring the penalties directed by the act for limitation of officer's fees, against the offenders thereof.

Sheriffs, &c. to  
pay due obedience  
to any process  
from the commis-  
sioners, Th. or lets

9. AND to prevent the said commissioners from being molested and disturbed in the execution of their commission, **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, *by the authority aforesaid*, That if any person or persons whatsoever shall presume to molest, disturb, or obstruct the said commissioners, surveyor, or any other officer or assistant, in performance of their duty aforesaid, in any case, within the direction of this act, shall forfeit and pay to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors, for the support of government, the sum of one thousand pounds of tobacco, to be recovered in any court of record within this province, wherein no essoign, protection, or wager of law shall be allowed.

Persons molesting  
the commissioners  
&c. to forfeit, &c.

10. **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, *by the authority aforesaid*, That if any suit or action be commenced or prosecuted against any person or persons, for what he or they shall do, in pursuance of the execution of this act, such person or persons, so sued, may plead the general issue, and upon any issue joined, may give the special matter in evidence; and if the plaintiff shall discontinue his suit or judgment passed against him, the defendant or defendants shall recover his or their double costs for his or their unjust vexation: *Provided always*,

Officers, &c. sued  
may plead the ge-  
neral issue, &c.