

securing his Majesty's Dominions here, against the Incroachments of the *French* and their allied *Indians*; of which Application, the Governor or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, shall, from Time to Time, cause an Account to be laid before the General Assembly of this Province as often as they shall meet, after such Application.

*AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the said Commissioners shall, for every Day they sit in the Transaction of the Matters relating to this Act, be allowed the Sum of Fifteen Shillings Current Money each, besides itinerant Charges; and the Clerk of the said Commissioners shall be allowed the Sum of Fifteen Shillings Current Money, for every Day he shall attend such Commissioners, payable in Current Money, in the public Levy of the Province; and the Sheriffs, Coroners, or Constables, for serving any Summons, or other Process, by Order of said Commissioners, and the Witness, or Witnesses, shall have the same Allowances as for like Summons or Process out of the Provincial Court; and the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, or their Successors, and the major Part of them, are hereby impowered and directed to tender, to all such Popish Priests or Jesuits, or reputed Popish Priests or Jesuits, the Oaths of Allegiance, Abhorrency and Abjuration, and to require him or them to repeat and subscribe the Test, and the Refusal of such Priest or Jesuit, to take such Oaths, and repeat and sign the Test, shall be recorded among the Records of the said Commissioners, and upon such Refusal or Non-appearance of such Popish Priest or Jesuit, when summoned, the same shall be taken as full and conclusive Evidence to prove such Popish Priest or Jesuit a Popish Recusant Convict, and shall forfeit all his or their Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, to the Uses mentioned in this Act.

*AND* it is hereby Declared and Enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Popish Priest or Jesuit, or any reputed Popish Priest or Jesuit, to hold any Lands or Tenements, either in his own, or their Right, or in Trust for him or them, within this Province, or to keep on such Lands public Mass-Houses, or cohabit in Societies; and in Case any such shall be, after the End of this Session of Assembly, they shall be vested in the said Commissioners, and their Successors, for the Uses herein before directed; and the said Commissioners, or the major Part of them, and their Successors, or the major Part of them, shall, and they are hereby impowered and directed to proceed to the Sale of the same, and Application and Payment of the Money arising by such Sale in Manner as is herein before prescribed and directed.

*PROVIDED* nevertheless, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to defeat, or make void, any Sale of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, made by any such Popish Priest or Jesuit, for a valuable Consideration,