

' neglected state, productive of any benefit to the people, for whose use they were reserved : And whereas it is desirable that these Lands should be put upon such a footing as to render them not only beneficial to the Indians but conducive to the settlement of the Country ;'

Surveys of the Indian Reserves authorized.

I. Be it enacted by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, from time to time to cause Surveys to be made of the Indian Reserves in the respective Counties of this Province where such Reserves are situate, or of such portion or parts thereof as His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice aforesaid, may deem expedient ; such Surveys to distinguish the improved from the unimproved Lands in the respective Reserves, and the Green Forests from the Burnt Lands, and the Lands fit for Settlement from those unfit for that purpose, with such other information as His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor may deem it desirable to obtain.

Any part of these Reserves may be sold or leased at Auction.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government for the time being, by and with the advice aforesaid, to cause such Indian Reserves or any part or parts thereof, under the direction and superintendence of the Local Commissioners to be appointed under the provisions of this Act, to be leased or sold to the highest bidder by Public Auction, in the Shire Town of the County wherein such Reserves are situate, giving sixty days previous notice thereof in the Royal Gazette, and by posting hand bills in three of the most public places in the County where such Reserves are situate, upon such terms and conditions, and in case of Leases subject to such reserved rent, and for such term not exceeding fifty years, as His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice aforesaid, may deem expedient for the best interest of the Indians and the settlement of the Country.

Commissioners for Indian interests to be appointed.

III. And be it enacted, The better to carry into effect the object of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government, by and with the advice aforesaid, to appoint one or more Commissioners, not exceeding three for each County in which such Reserves are situate, for the purpose of looking after the Reserves in their respective Counties, and superintending the Survey and Sale thereof, or such part or parts thereof as may from time to time be directed by the Lieutenant Governor to be sold under the provisions of this Act, and also to look after the interest of the Indians generally of the Counties in which such Reserves are situate, and to prevent trespassing thereon.

Commissioners to execute services required by this Act, keep Accounts and make semi-annual Returns.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners of the respective Counties, and they are hereby required well and faithfully to attend to and execute the services required of them under the provisions of this Act, and to keep a regular and correct account of all the Lands leased and sold under their supervision, and the proceeds of such sales and leases, and all other monies coming into their hands under the provisions or any of the provisions of this Act for behoof of the Indians, whether from the proceeds of such sales and leases, or from the rents, issues and profits of such Reserves, or from any other source, and to make semi-annual returns of their doings, receipts and expenditures under oath, with the necessary vouchers to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Monies arising from sales or leases to be paid to the Commissioners and by them to the Treasurer, minus Commission and expenses.

V. And be it enacted, That all the monies arising or that shall arise from the sales and leases of the Indian Reserves in the respective Counties, together with the rents, issues and profits of such Reserves, shall be paid into the hands of the local Commissioner or Commissioners of the County, who are hereby required to receive the same, and to pay over such monies semi-annually into the hands of the Provincial Treasurer, less a Commission of five per centum on all such monies received and paid by them for their trouble, and also less the costs of Survey and other necessary expenses incurred in and about the carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Treasurer to keep a separate account of such monies.

VI. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Treasurer, and he is hereby required to keep a distinct and separate account of all monies so paid into his hands by such Commissioners, shewing the amount received from each County.

Monies to be appropriated exclusively for the benefit of the Indians.

VII. And be it enacted, That the monies annually arising from the sale and leasing of the said Reserves, and also from the rents, issues and profits thereof, after payment of expenses aforesaid, shall be applied to the exclusive benefit of