

And prepare duplicate answers and returns on oath.

Penalty for refusing to answer, or giving a false answer.

Clerks of the Peace to transmit one of the Returns, with a list of places from which no Returns have been received, to the Secretary's Office, and file the other copy.

Returns to be digested and laid before the General Assembly.

Remuneration to the Clerks of the Peace and persons appointed to take the accounts.

Penalty for neglect of duty by the persons appointed.

Recovery and application of the penalties.

which they may be respectively appointed as aforesaid, and inform themselves of the several particulars relating to the matters specified in the questions contained in the said Schedules, by proceeding from house to house, or otherwise as they shall judge expedient, for the better execution of this Act; and from such information and lists shall prepare duplicate answers or returns to the said questions, according to the forms prescribed in the said Schedules, and shall sign and make oath to the same before a Justice of the Peace of the County, according to the said forms, which oath any such Justice is hereby authorized and required to administer; and the better to enable such persons so appointed, as aforesaid, to make such answers and returns, they are hereby severally and respectively authorized and empowered to ask all such questions of the persons within the Parish, City or District for which they may be respectively appointed as aforesaid, respecting themselves and the number and the quality of the persons constituting their respective families, as shall be necessary for stating the particulars required to be stated concerning them in the said answers and returns; and every person refusing to answer or wilfully giving a false answer to such questions, or any of them, shall for every such refusal or false answer forfeit a sum not exceeding three pounds nor less than twenty shillings, at the discretion of the Justices before whom complaint thereof shall be made; and the said persons so appointed as aforesaid to take such account, shall deliver or transmit their several and respective answers and returns in duplicate as aforesaid, to the Clerks of the Peace for the several and respective Counties, on or before the first day of November next after this Act shall come into operation.

V. And be it enacted, That the several Clerks of the Peace shall on or before the tenth day of November next after this Act shall come into operation, transmit one copy of such answers and returns as they shall have received in manner aforesaid, together with a list of the Parishes, Districts or places within their respective Counties, from which no returns may have been received, to the Office of the Secretary of the Province, and shall place and keep the other copy of such answers and returns on file in their offices respectively; and the answers and returns which shall be so transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of the Province, shall be digested and reduced into order by such officer or person as the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, shall appoint for that purpose, and an abstract thereof shall be laid before the General Assembly at their next Session.

VI. And be it enacted, That there shall be allowed and paid out of the Province Treasury to each Clerk of the Peace, for the services required of him by this Act, the sum of ten pounds, and to each and every person appointed and employed under this Act to take such account as aforesaid, who shall make and transmit to the Clerk of the Peace of the County, by the day hereinbefore limited for that purpose, due answers and returns according to the Schedule to this Act annexed, the sum of ten shillings for each and every day that such person shall make it appear to the Justices of the Peace for the several Counties at the General Sessions, that he has been actually employed in the services required of him by this Act; the number of days to be certified by the said Justices at their General Sessions, to the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being; which said sums in this Section mentioned, shall be paid out of any monies in the Province Treasury, by Warrant of the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council, in favour of the Clerk of the Peace, to be by him paid to the respective persons entitled to the same, without any deduction whatever.

VII. And be it enacted, That any person appointed under this Act, to take such account as aforesaid, who shall refuse or neglect to perform any of the duties required of him by this Act, shall for each and every such refusal or neglect, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five pounds, nor less than forty shillings, at the discretion of the Justice before whom complaint shall be made.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the several and respective forfeitures and penalties hereinbefore mentioned, shall and may be recovered upon complaint made before any Justice of the Peace for the County, or City and County, where the offence may be committed, upon the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, and be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender, rendering the overplus, (if any) after deducting the costs and charges of prosecution and sale, to such offender, and to be applied, one half to the use of the person who shall sue for the same, and the other half to the use of the poor of the Parish where the offence may be committed.