

said City to the person or persons who shall actually have done such work, and shall be entitled to such monies, by, under or for such contract, work or employment.

Registry of voters, and regulations affecting elections, may be established by the Common Council.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Common Council of the said City, by ordinance to establish a Registry of voters, and to make all such rules and regulations as to them may seem necessary, to prevent persons not duly qualified from voting at elections for Charter Officers of the said City; and shall and may by ordinance make such further regulations for enforcing the laws in force for regulating the qualification of candidates for the offices of Aldermen and Councillors, and for conducting the said elections, and paying the expenses of the same, and under such penalties not exceeding five pounds for any one breach thereof as to the same Common Council may from time to time appear to be necessary for such purposes.

Electors may be required to take an oath before being admitted to vote.

XXV. And be it enacted, That every person desirous of voting at any election of Aldermen, Councillors or Constables, shall before he be permitted to vote, if required by the officer or person holding any such election, or by any candidate, or by any person qualified to vote at the same, make oath to the particulars of his qualification, and that he has not before voted at such election, which oath the officer or person holding such election is hereby authorized and required to administer, and which oath shall be in the form following, that is to say:—

‘I, A. B., do solemnly swear that I am a British subject, that I am qualified by law to vote at this election in this — Ward, and have not voted before at this election within this Ward.—So HELP ME GOD;’

and in every case the presiding officer shall note in his poll book that the voter was sworn, and which of the qualifications and the nature of the tenure he swore to.

False swearing as to qualification deemed perjury.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That if any person shall knowingly swear falsely as to any of the particulars of his alleged qualification, or if he shall knowingly swear falsely in taking any or either of the oaths prescribed by this Act, he shall be deemed guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and suffer the pains and penalties provided by law in cases of wilful and corrupt perjury.

General Sessions of the Peace may be adjourned *de die in diem* for want of a quorum.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That the General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John may be adjourned *de die in diem* for want of a quorum, by the Mayor or Recorder and one of the Justices of the Peace for the said City and County.

City Court may be held every Thursday;

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That the City Court of Saint John shall and may, if thought necessary for the dispatch of the business before the Court, be holden on the Thursday in every week instead of the Thursday in every alternate week, as provided by the Charter; and that in all cases when the defendant has been served with a summons at least three days before the time of appearance in the manner pointed out in the third section of an Act made and passed in the fourth year of the Reign of King William the Fourth, intituled *An Act to regulate proceedings before the Justices of the Peace in Civil Suits*, it shall and may be lawful for the Alderman presiding in the City Court, if the defendant do not appear to make a defence, to proceed to assess the debt or damages in the mode and under the regulations provided in the said section, for assessing damages when the defendant does not appear; and that it shall not be necessary to issue an attachment to compel the appearance of the defendant in any case, except it shall be made to appear that he is about to depart the jurisdiction of the City, as provided by the Charter.

and debt, &c. may be assessed in the absence of a defence when defendant has been duly summoned.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That any person arrested or confined in the body of the gaol of the said City and County of Saint John, either on mesne process, attachment or execution for any debt under five pounds, and who may be in indigent circumstances, unable to pay such debt, or to support himself or herself in gaol, may be brought before the Mayor or Recorder, or one of the Aldermen and Common Clerk, for examination, such debtor giving the plaintiff, his agent or party interested, twenty four hours notice of the time and place of such examination, which Mayor or Recorder, or Alderman and Common Clerk shall (if on examination they are satisfied of his inability to pay, and total indigence,) make an order for the immediate discharge of such debtor from custody, and that the said Mayor, Recorder, Alderman and Common Clerk, shall have power to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses, if necessary, at such examination.

Debtors confined for less than £5, may be brought before the Mayor or Recorder for examination, and if found indigent and unable to pay, may be discharged.

A copy of every bye law or ordinance to be sent to the Lieutenant Governor, and may be disal-

XXX. And be it enacted, That notwithstanding any thing to the contrary in the Charter of the City of Saint John contained, a copy of every bye law or ordinance made by the said Corporation shall be transmitted, with all convenient