

CAP. XXXI.

An Act relating to Public Accounts.

Section.

1. Fiscal year, end of.
2. All public accounts to be then rendered ; penalty.

Section.

3. Accounts to be audited, and laid before the Legislature in print.

Passed 12th April 1855.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The fiscal year shall end on the first day of November in each year.

2. All accounts connected with the receipt and expenditure of public moneys shall be rendered at the office of the Auditor General, or other officer whose duty it shall be to examine and report on Public Accounts, on or before the fifteenth day of November in each year; and every public officer neglecting to render his accounts within the time limited, shall be deemed incapable of being appointed to receive or expend public moneys for the following year.

3. It shall be the duty of the Auditor General, or other officer appointed to examine and report on Public Accounts, to have all the Public Accounts audited and corrected, and to prepare a general statement of all accounts connected with the receipt and expenditure of public moneys, classified under proper heads, and shewing the state of each account or class of accounts, with such abstracts and statements as will clearly exhibit the state of the receipts and expenditure of all public moneys for the preceding year; that a sufficient number of copies of such audit and report shall be printed, and such printed report shall be laid before the Legislature within ten days after the opening thereof in each year.

CAP. XXXII.

An Act to continue an Act to provide for reporting and publishing the Decisions of the Supreme Court.

Act 6 W. 4, cap. 14, continued.

Passed 12th April 1855.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—An Act made and passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled *An Act to provide for reporting and publishing the Decisions of the Supreme Court*, be and the same is hereby continued and declared to be in force until the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty five.

CAP. XXXIII.

An Act to amend an Act intituled *An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture*.

Section.

1. 7th sec. of Act 17 Vic. cap. 7, repealed.

Section.

2. Premium and salaries, amount of, limited.

Passed 12th April 1855.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. The seventh Section of an Act intituled *An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture*, is hereby repealed.

2. The amount of premiums to be awarded by each Society in any one year shall not exceed double the amount of the local subscriptions and donations of the Society; the allowance for salaries shall not exceed five per cent. of the local subscriptions, donations, and Provincial allowance yearly.

CAP. XXXIV.

An Act to continue and amend Chapter Ten, of the Revised Statutes, "*Of the granting of Mill Reserves in certain cases.*"

Section.

1. Cap. 10, Revised Statutes, continued.

Section.

2. Sales of lands within Mill Reserves, limited.

Passed 12th April 1855.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. That Chapter 10, of the Revised Statutes, "*Of the granting of Mill Reserves in certain cases,*" be and the same is hereby continued until the first day of May which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

2. That no sale of Crown Land situate within Mill Reserves be made to any person other than for actual settlement, and that when so made the purchaser of such land shall not take away any logs or timber from such land so purchased until he has resided thereon and improved not less than five acres.

CAP. XXXV.

An Act in addition to Title Eight, of the Revised Statutes, Chapter Fifty nine, "*Of preventing Fires.*"

Section.

1. Buildings may be pulled down to stop fire.
2. Value to be assessed on the District by the Sessions.

Section.

3. Districts to be defined by the Sessions.
4. An assessment for loss by Thomas Mealy authorized.
5. Act not to extend to Fredericton.

Passed 12th April 1855.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. Three or more Firewards present at any fire shall have full power whenever a fire is raging in their district, and they shall deem it necessary to pull down or otherwise destroy any houses or buildings for the purpose of staying the progress of such fire, to order and direct all or any such buildings as may by such Firewards be deemed necessary for the purpose aforesaid, to be pulled down or otherwise destroyed; and no action shall be maintained against such Firewards, or any person or persons acting in their aid or under their direction for the purpose aforesaid, for any damage or loss resulting therefrom.

2. The Sessions upon due proof to them of the loss sustained, are authorized to assess upon the district in which the buildings so pulled down or destroyed for the purpose aforesaid were situate, the reasonable value thereof, to be paid by way of compensation to the person or persons whose buildings were so pulled down and destroyed; such amount to be assessed and collected in like manner as prescribed in Title VIII, of the Revised Statutes, for other rates.

3. The Justices of the Peace shall have full power at any General Sessions or Special Sessions for that purpose called, to define by metes and bounds, Fire Districts for the purpose of the preceding Section; where Cities or Municipalities are incorporated, the Councils shall have the power hereinbefore given to the Sessions. When no district shall be defined by said Justices or Council, this Act shall not apply.

4. The Sessions of the City and County of Saint John are hereby authorized, if they deem it proper so to do, to make an assessment for the loss sustained by one Thomas Mealy, of the Parish of Portland, in the County of Saint John, in consequence of the destruction of his building to stay the progress of a fire