

of the newspapers published in the said City for four consecutive weeks prior to such distress or sequestration.

23. For the recovery of assessment and rates and of all arrearages, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, or any two of them, to issue distress warrants and sequestration orders under their hands from time to time, in such form as they may determine, briefly reciting therein the amount to be levied in each case, and that such previous demand has been made as hereinbefore prescribed, and all Sheriffs and other peace officers are hereby required to execute such warrants and orders.

24. The moneys accruing from the annual income of water supply, together with all moneys arising from such local assessments and payments as are hereinbefore mentioned, shall be appropriated and applied by the Commissioners, in the first place to the discharge of the current expenses incurred in the execution of the trusts and duties required by this Act, and in the next place towards the half yearly dividends or payments of interest of the Debentures issued under the authority of this Act, and in case the whole income shall not be sufficient for the purposes aforesaid, the deficiency shall be made good and supplied by general assessment on the inhabitants of the said City, on the east side of the harbour, and of the said district in the Parish of Portland, as hereinafter prescribed; provided that no general assessment shall be made during the first five years after this Act going into operation, unless the same may be required to supply any deficiency to meet the half yearly payments of interest on Debentures.

25. The Commissioners shall prepare a careful estimate in each year of the amount or sum of money which may be required to make good such deficiency as hereinbefore mentioned, for the purposes set forth in the twenty fourth Section of this Act; and shall on or before the thirty first day of March in each year, send a requisition in writing under their hands to the assessors of rates and taxes for the said City and for the said Parish of Portland, to assess the same in the following proportions, viz:—Three fourth parts thereof upon that part of the City of Saint John which lies on the east side of the harbour, and the remaining fourth part upon the said district of the Parish of Portland, in like manner as other rates and taxes; and it shall be the duty of the said assessors, and they are hereby required forthwith to comply with such requisition, and to proceed thereon in the same manner as upon ordinary warrants of assessment, and the amounts so assessed shall be levied and collected in like manner as other City and County taxes, and paid over by the several collectors to the Commissioners.

26. The Commissioners shall keep regular books of account, in which shall be entered all moneys received and all disbursements made from time to time under the authority of this Act, and they shall annually submit a detailed account made up to the thirty first of December with proper vouchers, to two or more Auditors to be appointed for that purpose by the Common Council of the said City, which said Auditors shall report thereon to the Common Council, and furnish a copy of such report to the Commissioners, who shall publish the same for the information of the public on or before the thirty first day of March in each year.

27. The Commissioners and their officers and servants shall have the like protection in the exercise of their respective offices and in the execution of their duties, as Justices of the Peace now have under the laws of this Province.

28. The Auditors appointed under the twenty sixth Section of this Act, shall receive from the Commissioners such remuneration as the Common Council may determine, not exceeding one pound each for each day's actual employment in the duty assigned them.

29. The Commissioners shall not be answerable the one for the other of them, nor for the acts, defaults, or misdoings of each other, and in case of any default or misapplication of the moneys received by any Commissioner by virtue of this Act, the whole real and personal estate of such Commissioner within the Province shall be liable for the same in like manner as for a debt due unto the Crown; and immediately upon such default or misapplication being made known to the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief of the Province for the time being, it shall be his duty to order a Writ of Extent to be thereon issued.

30. Every officer or servant employed by the Commissioners, shall upon request by them so to do, account to them for all moneys received and all disbursements made by such officer or servant, on pain of immediate dismissal from his employment, and such other remedies to be pursued against him as may be legal.

31. If any officer or servant of the Commissioners shall refuse to account with them, and to produce and deliver up any vouchers, receipts, books, papers, goods, chattels, or moneys in his possession or power touching or concerning the said Commissioners, or the works to be carried on, or moneys to be raised by virtue of this Act, it shall be lawful for any Police Magistrate or any two Justices of the Peace for the said City and County, on complaint thereof made, to summon such offender to appear before them, and if he shall disobey such summons the said Magistrate or Justice shall and may commit such offender to the common gaol of the said City and County, there to remain until he shall have accounted and delivered up such property as aforesaid.

32. If any one of the Commissioners or any one acting on their behalf, shall make oath before any Justice of the Peace of the said City and County, that he has reason to believe, and does believe that any officer or servant of the Commissioners is about to abscond for the purpose of evading such accounting as aforesaid, such Justice shall immediately thereupon issue his warrant for bringing such officer or servant before any Police Magistrate or Justice aforesaid, who shall proceed thereon as is provided by the thirty first Section of this Act; provided that the person executing such warrant shall not keep such officer or servant in custody longer than thirty six hours before bringing him before such Police Magistrate or Justice aforesaid.

33. For the purpose of raising the necessary funds to purchase the property of the said Water Company, and carrying into effect the works contemplated by this Act, the Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to make and issue from time to time, as they may deem expedient, debentures in the form specified in Schedule A to this Act annexed, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum, payable half yearly, and redeemable at periods not exceeding forty years from the dates of the issuing of such scrip; provided that the whole amount of such Debentures shall not exceed the sum of seventy five thousand pounds currency of New Brunswick.

34. The Debentures shall be issued payable in sterling money of Great Britain or in New Brunswick currency, as may