

No. XII.

An Act for auditing the Accounts of the Ordinary Revenue of New South Wales. [19th August, 1852.]

REVENUE AUDIT.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. A full Account of the receipts and disbursements of the Ordinary Revenue for the year then last past including the costs charges and expenses incident to the collection management and receipts thereof shall be laid before the Legislative Council within fourteen days from the commencement of the Session and the said Council shall refer such Account to a Select Committee.
2. It shall be the duty of such Select Committee to audit examine and report upon the said Account and they are hereby empowered to call for vouchers and to examine witnesses touching the said Account and all persons are hereby required to give such attendance and produce such vouchers and documents as the said Committee shall order and direct.
3. Any person refusing to attend or submit himself to examination or to produce such vouchers or prevaricating before such Select Committee or a Quorum thereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof before the Supreme Court shall be liable to fine or imprisonment at the discretion of such Court and any person wilfully and knowingly giving false evidence before such Committee or a Quorum thereof shall also be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof before the said Court shall suffer the like pains and penalties as persons convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury.

Account of Ordinary Revenue and of disbursements thereof to be laid before the Legislative Council.

Select Committee to audit and report on said Account and to call for vouchers and examine witnesses.

Punishment for refusing to be examined or to produce vouchers or prevaricating or wilfully giving a false evidence.