

every one of whom shall have a Freehold in such County, of the value of twenty five pounds, in case such persons reside in such County, and in case such persons do not reside in such County, shall have a Freehold in such County of the value of fifty pounds, and shall have respectively possessed the same and have had their titles registered six months before the teste of the said Writ, and such Candidates qualified as by Law is required, as have the greatest number of votes of Electors qualified as aforesaid, shall be returned by the Sheriffs, Members to serve in such Assembly, by Indentures between the said Sheriff and the said Electors: Provided always, that any person who may have Mortgaged his Lands and remain in possession of the same shall not be debarred from voting.

XVII. And be it enacted, That every Sheriff shall at the commencement of every Election immediately after reading the Writ or precept for the Election of such Member or Members take and subscribe the following oath:—

“I, A. B. do swear, that I have not directly or indirectly received any sum or sums of money, office, place or employment, gratuity or reward, or any Bond, Bill or Note, or any promise of gratuity whatsoever either by myself or any other person to my use, benefit or advantage, for making any return at the present Election of Members to serve in Assembly, and that I will return such person or persons as shall to the best of my judgment appear to me to have a majority of legal votes.” And each of the Under Sheriff's or other officers that shall be appointed by the said Sheriff to preside or hold a Court for Polling or receiving Votes for the election of any Member or Members to serve in the General Assembly of this Province, and also each and every of the Clerks appointed to take the Poll at the Shire Town, and also at the several places appointed for taking the Poll, shall at the opening of the Poll at the commencement of such Election and before such Under Sheriff or other officer or Clerk shall receive any Votes take and subscribe the following oath:—

“I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I have not directly or indirectly received any sum or sums of money, office, place or employment, gratuity or reward, or any Bond, Bill or Note, or any promise or gratuity whatsoever, either by myself or any other person to my use, benefit or advantage, for making any return at the present Election of a Member or Members to serve in the General Assembly, and that I will well and faithfully discharge my duty at the present Election to the best of my knowledge and judgment,\* and I will return to the Sheriff a true and faithful account of the votes polled at the present Court at which I am appointed and authorized to preside,” (and the Poll Clerk instead of the words after the Asterisk shall swear) “and I will faithfully enter and record the votes received at the Polling place I have been appointed to act as Poll Clerk,” which oaths respectively any Justice of the Peace for the County where such Election shall be made, or in his absence any two of the Electors are hereby authorized and required to administer, and such oath so taken and subscribed shall be prefixed at the time to the Poll Book and form part thereof.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That every Sheriff, under Sheriff, Deputy or officer appointed to preside at such Election or at any of the Polling places within the City or County for which such Election is held is hereby required to read the Writ or precept for such Election or at any of the places appointed for Polling out of the Shire Town a true copy thereof certified under the hand of the Sheriff or officer presiding at such Election at the Shire Town, who is hereby required prior to the opening of the Poll at such Polling places to furnish each of the Deputies appointed to preside at the respective Polling places with such copy together with a list of the Candidates whose names shall have been entered in the General Poll Book by such Sheriff at the Shire Town agreeably to the provisions of this Act for the purpose of being so publicly read; and the said Sheriff or officer so presiding at such Shire Town is hereby required immediately after the reading of such Writ or precept, or a copy thereof as aforesaid, and taking and subscribing the oaths respectively as aforesaid, to read or cause to be read openly before the Electors then assembled this Act, and the said Deputies or persons so presiding at such Polling places are hereby required and directed respectively to enter and record in their respective Poll Books the names of such Candidates as shall be so furnished as aforesaid to such Deputies or presiding Officers respectively as directed by this Section of this Act, and to state the names of such Candidates to any Elector requiring the same, or who is coming forward to vote.

XIX. And be it enacted, that for the more due and orderly proceeding in the said Poll, the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff, or person presiding at the Poll at the Shire Town, shall appoint for each Candidate such one person as shall be nominated

Sheriff to be sworn.

Form of Oath.

Under Sheriffs or presiding Officers and Poll Clerks to be sworn.

Forms of Oaths for Under Sheriffs and Poll Clerks.

Oaths to be prefixed to the Poll Books, and administered by a Justice of the Peace.

Writ of Election or certified copy to be read at the several polling places.

Act to be read by or by order of the Sheriff.

Names of Candidates to be entered on the several Poll Books, and to be stated to Electors when coming forward to vote when required.

Inspectors of Poll Clerks may be appointed.