

Elector distinctly to state for whom he votes, and before voting may be sworn.

Forms of Oaths.

Or required to affirm if a Quaker.

Sheriff, &c. may administer the Oaths.

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Penalty for refusing to administer the oath when requested.

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Not to affect oath to be taken by Freemen of the City of Saint John.

Penalty for corruptly taking a false oath or procuring any person to take the same.

No Elector to be required to take the Oaths of Allegiance, &c.

Penalty for taking any reward for giving or forbearing to give a vote, or giving or promising to give a reward for voting or forbearing to vote.

Recovery.

to him, by or on behalf of such Candidate, to be Inspectors of any Clerk who shall be appointed for taking the Poll; and every Elector at the time of Polling shall distinctly name the Candidate or Candidates for whom he votes, and before he be admitted to poll at the same Election, shall, if required by the Candidates, or any one of them, or in his absence by the substitute for or on behalf of such Candidate, first take the oaths hereinafter mentioned, or any or either of them, viz:—"I do swear that I am a British Subject, and qualified by law to vote at 'this Election; and that I have not before polled at this Election, and the place 'of my abode is at .—SO HELP ME GOD.'

And also the following oath:

'I swear that I have not received, or had by myself or any other person 'whatsoever in trust for me, or for my use and benefit directly or indirectly, any 'sum or sums of money, office, place or employment, gift or reward, or any promise or security for any money, office, or employment or gift, in order to give 'my vote at this Election.—SO HELP ME GOD.'

or being one of the People called Quakers, shall, if required as aforesaid, solemnly affirm to the effect of each and every of the said oaths which shall be required as aforesaid, which said oaths or affirmations the Sheriff, his Deputy, Under Sheriff, or such sworn Clerk by him appointed for taking of the said Poll or Polls, as aforesaid, are hereby respectively authorized to administer, and if any Elector being thereunto required, as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to take the said oaths hereinbefore appointed to be taken, or either of them, or to affirm the effect thereof, as aforesaid, that then the Poll or vote of such person so neglecting and refusing shall not be taken, and the same is hereby declared to be null and void, and as such shall be rejected and disallowed; and if any Sheriff, Deputy, Under Sheriff, or Poll Clerk, shall neglect or refuse when thereunto requested, as aforesaid, to administer the said oaths and affirmations, or shall otherwise offend in the premises contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act, every such Sheriff, Deputy, Under Sheriff, Sheriff or Poll Clerk, shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of fifty pounds, together with full costs of suit, to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record in this Province, at the suit of the party or parties aggrieved: Provided always that nothing herein contained shall alter or affect the oath now required by this Act, to be taken by Freemen of the City of Saint John voting at Elections for that City, but that Freeholders voting on their Freeholds at such City Elections, shall be required to take the above oaths, and that such Freeman shall, if required so to do, take in addition to any oath or oaths required by this Act, the oath secondly herein prescribed.

XX. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall wilfully, falsely and corruptly take any of the oaths or affirmations appointed and required by any of the provisions of this Act, and be thereof lawfully convicted by indictment or information, or if any person or persons shall corruptly procure or suborn any other person or persons to take the said oaths or affirmations, or either of them and the person so procuring or suborning, shall be thereof convicted by indictment or information, every person so offending, shall for every such offence incur and suffer such penalties, forfeitures and disabilities as persons convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury are liable to.

XXI. And be it enacted, That no Elector at any Election shall be required to take the oaths commonly called the oaths of allegiance, abjuration and supremacy, nor any oath or oaths required to be taken by any Act of the General Assembly in lieu thereof, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

XXII. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons who hath or claimeth to have or hereafter shall have or claim to have any right to vote at such Election, shall take any money or other reward by way of gift, Loan or other device, or contract or agree for any money, gift, office, employment or other reward, to give, or forbear to give his vote at any such Election, or if any person by himself, or any person employed by him, doth or shall by any gift or reward, or by any promise or agreement, or security for any gift or reward, corrupt or procure any person or persons to give his or their vote or votes, or to forbear to give his or their vote or votes, or shall by any threats, force or violence, intimidate or compel any person or persons to give his or their vote or votes, or to forbear to give his or their vote or votes at any such Election, such person so offending in any of the cases aforesaid, shall for every such offence, forfeit the sum of twenty pounds, to be recovered as before directed, in the nineteenth Section of this Act, with full costs of suit, and every person offending in the cases aforesaid, in this clause