

number of votes for that District also duly elected a Commissioner of Sewers by the said District for the said several Districts ; that if upon such examination of the Poll Book it shall appear that two or more candidates for any one District have an equal number of votes, the said Magistrate or Chairman shall then determine which of such candidates shall be deemed to have a majority over the other or others ; which several Commissioners of Sewers so elected shall be sworn into office ; which oath any Justice of the Peace of the said County resident in said Parish of Sackville, or the Chairman presiding at the said meeting, is hereby authorized and required to administer ; and any Commissioner so elected who shall neglect for the period of one week to take the oath of office, shall be deemed to have refused to accept such office ; that such oath of office if taken before the Magistrate or Chairman presiding at such meeting, shall be in writing upon the Poll Book, and if taken before any other Magistrate, that the same be in writing, and filed with the Chairman presiding at such meeting, to be by him attached to the Poll Book, which Poll Book, certificates of election, and oaths of office, shall be by him transmitted to and filed with the Clerk of the Peace for the said County.

When votes are equal in number, the chairman to determine.

Commissioners to be sworn.

Neglect to be sworn deemed a refusal of office.

Record of oaths.

IV. And be it enacted, That every proprietor of Marsh Land situate in any of the said Districts, whether male or female, shall be entitled to vote at such elections, under the regulations hereinafter provided, except children under the age of sixteen years ; that is to say : each proprietor shall have as many votes as he owns acres of Marsh in such Districts, exclusive of all fractional parts ; and in case the number of votes claimed by any voter should be disputed at the time he offers to vote, by any other proprietor, then before such votes are received and entered, the person claiming the right to vote shall take the following oath :—

Qualification of voters, and number of votes to be given by each.

[Challenged voters to be sworn.]

‘ You do swear that you are the proprietor of _____ acres of Marsh, situate in District Number _____ [or _____ acres in District Number _____ and _____ acres in District Number _____ as the case may be, where the person claims the right to vote for more than one District,] and that you are entitled to vote therefor at this election of Commissioners of Sewers, and that you have not before voted at this election.’

That no proprietor of Marsh Land in one District shall give any vote upon the same for a Commissioner or Commissioners to be elected for any other District ; and provided always, that in District Number Six that no proprietor shall be entitled to vote for or upon any Marsh or Bog not yielding the annual value of two shillings and six pence per acre, except such Marsh or Bog has at the time of such election been assessed to the amount of two shillings and six pence per acre ; and in case the number of votes claimed by any voter in District Number Six should be disputed at the time he offers to vote, by any other proprietor, then before such votes are received and entered, the person claiming the right to vote shall take the following oath :—

‘ You do swear that you are the proprietor of _____ acres of Marsh, [or Bog, as the case may be,] in District Number Six, that the same is of the annual value of two shillings and six pence per acre, [or has been assessed to the amount of two shillings and six pence per acre,] that you are entitled to vote therefor at this election of Commissioners of Sewers, and that you have not before voted at this election of Commissioners of Sewers.’

Which oaths the presiding officer is hereby authorized and required to administer, and no other proof of qualification shall be required of such voter.

V. And be it enacted, That the persons so elected, certified and sworn as Commissioners, of Sewers shall be Commissioners of Sewers in and for the said several Districts for and during the term of three years then next ensuing ; and such Commissioners shall be authorized and empowered during the term of office to convene and meet together from time to time as occasion may require, to consult, consider and devise means and methods for building, erecting or repairing such Aboideaux, Dikes and Wears as are or may be necessary to prevent inundation, and for drowning or draining of Marshes, Swamps and other unreclaimed Lands, either diked or undiked, and to employ labourers and workmen for such reasonable wages as may be agreed on for that purpose, and to take and assess all such persons from time to time as shall or may be owners of such Marshes, Meadows or unreclaimed Lands as aforesaid, for defraying the expenses thereof, having regard to the quantity and quality of land of each person and benefits thereby to be received, as equally as they can according to their best judgment, and shall appoint and swear a Collector or Collectors for collecting such assessments and paying the same to such persons as by the said Commissioners shall be appointed, with powers to distrain upon the property of all such persons as shall neglect or refuse to make payment of his, her or their proportions assessed as aforesaid, in

Commissioners to continue three years in office.

Empowered to meet ;

Erect and repair dikes ;

Assess for expenses ;

Appoint collectors, with power to distrain and call them to account ;