

An Assessor of each Ward to be annually elected.

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V. And be it enacted, That there shall be annually elected at the same time hereinafter appointed for the election of Councillors, one Officer for each Ward, who shall be and be called an Assessor; and no person shall be eligible for that office unless he be resident in the Ward for which he may be elected, and qualified to the extent required by this Act in the case of a Councillor.

VI. And be it enacted, That no person shall at any time be qualified to be elected as Mayor, Councillor or Assessor for the said City, unless at the time of his election he be resident within the said City, a British Subject of the full age of twenty one years, and shall have been assessed in the assessment next preceding such Election for real or personal estate, or both, within the said City, to the value of two hundred and fifty pounds or upwards, and shall have paid before the time of such Election all rates and taxes legally due from him within the said City.

VII. And be it enacted, That no person shall be qualified to vote at any Election for Mayor, Councillors or Assessors, unless such voter be a British Subject, and of the full age of twenty one years, and shall have been assessed in the assessment next preceding such Election for real or personal estate, or both, within the said City, to the value of fifty pounds or upwards, or for income to the amount of twenty five pounds, and shall have paid before the time of such Election all rates and taxes legally due from him within the said City.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the evidence required under this Act, of assessment for property, and of payment of rates thereon, shall be a receipt from the City Treasurer, or from the Collector of Rates, who is hereby required to furnish the same on demand, under the penalty of forty shillings for each refusal, which receipt shall contain a statement of the value of property or income assessed against the person therein named, and an acknowledgement that the rates due by such person in respect of such assessment have been fully paid.

IX. And be it enacted, That no person shall be qualified to be elected to serve in the office of Mayor or Councillor, so long as he shall hold any office or place of profit in the gift or disposal of the City Council, nor during such time as he shall by himself or his partner, or in any other way or manner, directly or indirectly, have any share or interest in any contract or employment with or on behalf of the said City Council, nor shall any Minister or Teacher of any religious denomination whatsoever, nor any person accountable for the City Revenues or any part thereof, nor any officer or person presiding at an Election of a Mayor, Councillor or Assessor, while so presiding, nor any Clerk or Assistant employed by him at any such Election, while so employed, be elected to the office of Mayor or Councillor in the said City; provided nevertheless, that no person shall be disqualified to serve as Mayor or Councillor as aforesaid, by reason of his being a proprietor or shareholder in any Company which shall or may contract with the City Council for lighting, supplying with water, or insuring against fire, any part of the said City; provided always, that such disqualification shall not arise from holding any lease of land from the Corporation; and that no Councillor shall receive into his hands any moneys for and on account of any contract, work or employment made, done or performed by or on behalf of, or by direction of the said Corporation, but that all moneys due by the said Corporation on any such account shall be paid by the Treasurer of the City to the person or persons who shall have actually done such work, and shall be entitled to such moneys by, under or for such contract, work or employment, or to his or their order.

X. And be it enacted, That no person elected to serve as Mayor, Councillor or Assessor, who is above the age of sixty five years, or who shall have already served in or paid the fine for the non-acceptance of such office within five years next preceding the day on which he shall be so elected, or who is a Member of the Legislature or of the Executive Council of this Province, shall be liable to a fine for the non-acceptance of such office; and provided also, that no Military, Naval or Marine Officer in Her Majesty's Service, on full pay, nor the Surveyor General, the Provincial Secretary, Clerks in Public, Civil or Military Departments, the Postmaster General, nor his Deputies, nor Custom House Officers, Sheriffs, Coroners, Clerks and Commissioned Officers of the Legislature, nor the Clerk of the Executive Council, nor School Masters, shall be held or deemed liable to accept any such office as aforesaid, or any office in the said City.

XI. And be it enacted, That every person elected to the office of Mayor or of Councillor, or of Assessor for the said City, within five days after receiving notice of his election, or if he be absent from the City at the time of his election, then within five days after his arrival in the said City, and notice as aforesaid, shall accept the said office to which he shall be so elected, and take the oath of office, under a penalty of ten pounds currency for non-acceptance of the office of