

administering
oath,

and mark same
in his book.

How long elec-
tions shall con-
tinue open, &c.

At close of poll
majorities to be
declared, and if
a scrutiny be
demanded, offi-
cer to note
same in his
book.

How scrutiny to
be conducted
and determin-
ed.

No vote to be
scrutinized ex-
cept those
marked as
sworn.

Scrutiny to be
proceeded with
on day after
election, and
day by day
thenceforth,
&c, except
Sundays, &c.

No scrutiny to
engage more
than 2 days.
Sheriff, on close
of scrutinies to

by this Act for every such person so claiming to vote, to such person so claiming, and also shall mark every such oath as having been sworn on his book; and provided that the said elections shall continue open not longer than one day; and shall be closed at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, unless previously closed by proclamation, when a vote shall not have been polled for an hour; and the Presiding Officer shall, at the close of each election, declare the majorities; and in case any person who had voted at the same election shall then publicly demand a scrutiny of the election of the Mayor, or of any one or more of the said Councillors, the Presiding Officer shall note such demand in his book, and every such scrutiny, if persevered in, shall be finally determined by the judgment of the Mayor and Councillors elect, whose elections are not disputed, and who shall have power to hear witnesses on oath, and if the Mayor's election be disputed or contested, or in the absence of the Mayor, to appoint a chairman, with right to vote; and if need be, give a casting vote; and if any of the said Councillors shall not attend, the remainder of the Councillors shall act; but if three cannot be procured, then the said High Sheriff, associated with any two of them, or any two of the other Presiding Officers, shall hear and determine such scrutiny as aforesaid. Provided that no vote shall be scrutinized but those marked as having been sworn, and that such scrutiny or scrutinies shall be proceeded in on the day next after the close of the said elections, and thenceforth day by day, Sundays, Good Friday and Christmas day excepted, until all the said scrutinies in rotation, if more than one, shall be determined, no one scrutiny being allowed to engage more than two days, and the Sheriff shall immediately, on the close of all the said scrutinies, make return to the Secre-