

always, that no person disabled by permanent infirmity of body or mind ; nor any person above the age of sixty-five years ; nor any person who within five years from the day on which he shall have been so elected shall have already served the said office of Councillor, or paid a fine for not serving the same, shall be liable to such fine as aforesaid.

XIV. And be it Ordained and Enacted, that no person elected a Councillor in any District shall be capable of acting as such, except in administering the Oaths hereinafter mentioned, until he shall have taken and subscribed before any two Councillors of such District, who are hereby authorised to administer the same to each other, the Oath of allegiance to Her Majesty Her heirs and successors, and also an Oath in the words or to the effect following, that is to say :—“ I, A. B. having been elected Councillor in the District of _____ do hereby promise and swear that I will duly, faithfully, and diligently serve such office and fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability. So help me God.”

Oaths to be taken by Councillors.

XV. And be it Ordained and Enacted, that every person duly qualified who shall be elected to the office of Councillor, as aforesaid, shall take and subscribe the Oaths hereinbefore mentioned within _____ days after notice of his election ; and in default thereof such person shall be deemed to have refused to accept the said office, and shall be liable to pay the fine aforesaid as for non-acceptance of office ; and the said office shall thenceforward be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled up by another election.

Time for taking the Oaths.

XVI. And be it Ordained and Enacted, that in cases where any person elected to the office of Councillor in any of the said Districts shall refuse to accept such office or shall refuse or neglect to take and subscribe the above mentioned Oaths, it shall be lawful for the Justice or Justices of the Peace, or any of them, who shall have presided at the election at which such person was elected, as often as such case of refusal or neglect shall occur, to proceed, after due notice in this behalf to the electors, to another election of a fit and proper person to supply the place of the person who shall have so refused or neglected to accept office or to take and subscribe the said Oaths ; and the Councillor who may be elected at such new election shall hold office until the time at which the person in whose place he may have been elected would, according to the provisions hereinafter contained, have gone out of office and no longer, but shall be capable of immediate re-election unless otherwise disqualified as aforesaid.

Vacancies caused by refusing to take oaths, &c. how filled up.

XVII. And be it Ordained and Enacted, that if a vacancy or vacancies in any of the said Councils, whether arising from the death of any one or more of the Councillors or any other cause, shall occur before the annual period of election as hereinbefore prescribed, it shall be lawful for the Warden of the District in which such vacancy or vacancies shall have occurred to issue, in the name of Her Majesty Her heirs or successors, his Warrant under his hand and seal, directed to one or more of the Justices of the Peace resident in the Township or Parish in which such vacancy or vacancies shall have occurred, and if there be no Justice of the Peace resident therein then to some one or more of the Justices of the Peace resident in an adjoining Township or Parish, requiring him or them to proceed, after due notice in this behalf to the electors, in causing an election to be made of a Councillor or Councillors to supply such vacancy or vacancies, which warrant shall by such Justice or Justices of the Peace be duly executed ; and every Councillor elected under such war-

Other vacancies how filled up.