

The said officers respectively shall, at the close of the Poll at their respective stations, publicly proclaim the number of votes polled for each candidate, and the said officers and poll clerks respectively shall certify and sign the poll books and then enclose and seal them in presence of the electors. That the Deputy Returning Officers shall then forthwith deliver or safely transmit the poll books so sealed to the Returning Officer, who shall, on the day next ensuing the polling day, such day not being Sunday, but being Sunday, then on the Monday next ensuing, at the hour of ten o'clock of the forenoon of the said day, at the principal polling station, at which the Returning Officer himself shall preside, appoint a convenient time, & without unnecessary delay, when he shall in presence of the candidates and electors, or such of them as choose to attend, publicly break open the seals of the poll books, and sum up the whole of the polls, and declare the true number of votes given for each candidate, and proclaim the name or names of the Candidates who shall have been duly elected.

That the Returning Officers and their deputies respectively are hereby authorised and empowered to administer all such Oaths as are prescribed by law to be taken by the Electors and Witnesses in election of members of the General Assembly.

That the Returning Officers respectively shall, immediately after the due execution of the writs transmit the poll books, together with all affidavits, certificates and other documents, incident to such elections as aforesaid, putting the same securely under cover and seal, directed to our Colonial Secretary at his office in St. John's.

Given under the Great Seal of our Island of Newfoundland, at St. John's, in our said Island, the Ninth day of November in the Sixth year of Our Reign, anno Domini 1842.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved Major General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Hon. Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, our Governor and Commander in Chief in and over our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

By His Excellency's command,

JAMES CROWDY,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

Form of Oath of Returning Officer and his Deputy.

I (name of Returning or Deputy) do swear that I will honestly, impartially, and without favour to any candidate, take the polls at this Election; and that I have not directly or indirectly received, nor will I hereafter directly or indi-