

in value; and the length of the period of residence within the said island which should be required in addition to any other qualification for being elected to the General Assembly aforesaid, should be the period of two years preceding such election :

II. Be it therefore enacted, that the qualification so hereinbefore declared, in addition to any other qualification now by law required for Members to serve in the General Assembly aforesaid, shall be and continue as the same are hereinbefore declared and defined.

Qualification of Members of Assembly.

III. For the purpose of the election of Members to serve in any General Assentbly, it shall be lawful for the Governor for the time being to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the office of Returning Officer in each of the said electoral districts and divisions of districts of this island, to whom writs in Her Majesty's name shall be issued, directing them to summon the freeholders and householders of all the said districts and divisions of districts respectively, to proceed to the election of persons to represent them in the General Assembly, according to the regulations and directions contained in Her Majesty's Royal Instructions aforesaid; and such other regulations and directions as shall be signified in any Proclamation or Proclamations to be issued by the Governor, according to the laws of the island now in force or hereafter to be in force in that behalf.

Mode of election of Members of the Assembly.

IV. The Returning Officer from each district shall be entitled to receive from the Colonial Treasury 30s. for every Member returned, upon the return of the writ for such district. When there is no contest, he shall be entitled to 10 s. from every candidate for such district, and when there shall be a contest, and poll demanded, 20s. for every candidate instead of 10s.; and further, when there shall be a contest, there shall be paid to the Returning Officer of each district by the candidates for such district, in just proportions according to the number of the polling places in which each candidate is interested, the following sums:—20s. for procuring a booth or polling place for each district or division of district, except where the polling place shall be a public building that can be had without charge; 20s. for every presiding officer, and 10s. for every poll clerk, to include their travelling fees; and the fees shall be paid to the Returning Officer for each district on the day of nomination of candidates for such district; and the name of no candidate shall be entered on the Returning Officer's poll-book, or returned to presiding officers, who shall not have paid or tendered the full amount due from him, under this section, before the expiration of the time named for the nomination of candidates: Provided always, that the amount to be paid by any candidate shall not exceed the sum of 10*l*.

Fees of Returning Officers, and other election expenses.