

Penalty on Candidates guilty of Bribery & Corruption.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no Candidate shall at any time within one month, prior to any Election, nor during the same, either by himself or by any other person by him employed, or by any ways or means whatsoever, directly or indirectly, make a present of, or allow to any person having a right to vote at any such Election, any sum of money or promise of money or other reward, and shall not at his cost and charge open or support, or cause to be opened and supported, any house of public entertainment, during the period herein above mentioned, within any County, City or Borough, for which any such Election is to be made, upon pain of such person so offending, incurring a penalty which shall not exceed fifty pounds, nor be under twenty five pounds current money of this Province.

Penalty on Returning Officers influencing Elections or acting with partiality.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no Returning Officer shall take any part either before or during any Election by him held, by favouring or influencing or causing to be favoured or influenced, the interest of any particular Candidate, but that the said Returning Officer shall conduct himself in an upright and impartial manner, in the discharge of the Duties of his Office, and shall take and enter or cause to be taken and faithfully entered, the votes of the Electors in the before mentioned Poll Book, under pain of incurring a penalty of the sum of twenty five pounds current money of this Province.

On the death of a member of Assembly, Speaker to issue his warrant for a new Election.

XX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in case of any vacancy happening in the Assembly, by the death of any Member thereof or otherwise, on information thereof being given to the Speaker, by any Member rising in his place, or if such vacancy shall happen during any Recess of the Assembly, by Prorogation or Adjournment, on information thereof being given to the Speaker for the time being, under the hands and seals of any two Members of the Assembly, it shall be the duty of such Speaker, to give notice thereof, by Warrant under his hand and seal, to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, that a new Writ may issue for the Election of a Member of Assembly, to fill up such vacancy.

Recovery of Penalties.

XXI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the fines and forfeitures incurred under this Act, shall be recovered by Bill, Plaint or Information or by Action of debt in any Court of Record, by any person suing for the same, and that one half of every such fine or penalty, shall be paid to the Receiver General for the use of this Province and be applied to the support of the Government thereof; and shall be accounted for to the Crown through the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, as the Crown shall direct: and the other half to the Informer suing for the same, with the Costs incurred in the prosecution thereof, to be by him received for his own use and benefit. Provided always, that if any Suit or Action be brought against any person or persons for any Penalty by this Act imposed, such Suit or Action shall be commenced within six Months next after the fact committed, and not afterwards.

To be accounted for to the Crown.

No Prosecution to be commenced after six months.

Continuance of this Act.

XXII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be in force to the first day of January, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament and no longer.