

Trial of Controverted Elections Act.

to that effect to the Council, as hereinbefore provided, an Address be presented by the Council to the Governor, praying that such allegation may be inquired into, the Governor may appoint Commissioners to enquire into the same, and if such Commissioners in such case be appointed, they shall inquire in the same manner, and with the same powers, and subject to all the provisions of the Statute of the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, of the 15th and 16th of Victoria, Chapter 57, or as near thereto as circumstances will permit, until the Legislature of this Colony shall see fit to make provision for the regulation of such enquiries.

Governor authorized
to defray expenses
of Act.

52. The Governor in Council is hereby authorized to defray all expenses incurred under this Act, and also the expenses attending the execution of any such Commission as last aforesaid, by his warrant to the proper officer of the Treasury.

No Petition to be
presented until first
Election after Regis-
ter of Voters com-
pleted.

53. No Election Petition shall be presented under this Act until the first Election shall be held after the Register of Voters, under "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1871," is completed and delivered to the Returning Officer as in the said Act is provided in that behalf, and until such first Election takes place as aforesaid the Return of the Returning Officer to any Writ of Election shall be final and conclusive to all intents and purposes.

Act to be taken to
apply to "Constitu-
tion Act, 1871.

54. This Act shall be taken to apply to the "The Constitution Act, 1871," passed in the present Session, if and when the same comes into operation in this Colony, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as if "The Constitution Act, 1871," had been actually in operation upon the passing of this Act, and as if the words "Legislative Assembly" had been substituted for the words "Legislative Council" throughout this Act.

Short Title.

55. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Trial of Controverted Elections Act, 1871."

Passed the Legislative Council the 27th day of March, A. D. 1871:

CHARLES GOOD,
Clerk of the Council.

PHILIP J. HANKIN,
Speaker.

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this 30th day of March, 1871.

A. MUSGRAVE,
Governor.