

Powers of
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XV. And be it enacted, that all powers and authorities now by law vested in Returning Officers, and necessary for the orderly and proper taking of the Polls at Elections for Members to represent the people of this Province in Provincial Parliament, shall be and the same are hereby vested in every such Deputy Returning Officer within his respective jurisdiction, as fully and absolutely as in his Principal.

Oath of De-
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and Poll Clerk
before the
Poll.

XVI. And be it enacted, that no Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, shall proceed to the receiving and recording of votes or to the discharge of any other of their respective duties at any such Election, until in a public manner they shall have severally taken and subscribed in the Poll Book, the following Oath or Affirmation, which Oath or Affirmation any Justice of the Peace of the District in which such Parish, or Township or Ward shall lie, is hereby authorized, and on request required to administer: Form of Oath--“I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I have not directly or indirectly, received any sum or sums of money, office, place or emolument, gratuity, profit, or reward, or any bond, bill, note, or other written instrument or verbal agreement, whereby such is promised or secured, either by myself or any other person, for or to my use, benefit, or advantage, for making any false or incorrect statement or entry in the Poll Book to the taken at this Election or Return of the same, or for shewing any favor or partiality at this Election, and that I will faithfully and impartially perform my duty at this Election, to the best of my ability.—So help me God.”

Scrutiny of
Votes.

XVII. And be it enacted, that hereafter no Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, in this Province, shall have any power to grant or enter upon any scrutiny of the votes polled at any Election for a Member or Members to represent the people of this Province in the Provincial Parliament, other than such as shall or may be had or made into, or in respect of each vote prior to the recording thereof.

Oath of Voter.

XVIII. And be it enacted, that before any Voter shall be received to poll at any Election for a Member or Members to represent the people of this Province in Provincial Parliament, such Voter if so required either by the Deputy Returning Officer to whom he shall tender such vote, or by any Candidate at such Election or by any two Electors of the County, Riding, City, Town or Borough, for which such vote shall be tendered, shall take the following Oath or Affirmation, as the case may be, before such Deputy Returning Officer, (which Oath or Affirmation each Deputy Returning Officer is hereby authorized to administer:) “I, A. B., do swear (or solemnly affirm, as the case may be,) that I have not received or had, by myself or any person, for my use or benefit, any sum or sums of money, office, place, or employment, gift or reward, or any promise
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