or to perform the duties of Election Clerk, 2 shall for such refusal or neglect, incur a penalty of currency: Provided 4 always, that it shall be lawful for the said Returning Officer, either before or after the tion Clerk may 6 day of nomination, to appoint in the manner above mentioned, another person as his Elec-Stion Clerk, whensoever the case may require, either by reason of the death, illness, or 10 absence of any Election Clerk previously appointed, or of his refusal or neglect to act, 12 or otherwise; and such new Election Clerk so appointed shall be bound to perform all 14the duties, and comply with all the obligations of his Office under the same penalty 16 in case of refusal or neglect on his part, as is hereinbefore imposed in like cases; and 18 whenever any Returning Officer shall become unable to perform the duties of his 20 Office, whether by death, illness, absence or otherwise, the Election Clerk so by him ap-22pointed as aforesaid, shall have power and is hereby required, under the same penalties 21 in case of refusal or neglect on his part, as are hereinabove imposed in like cases on 26 the Returning Officer, to act as Returning Officer for the said Election, and to perform 28 all the duties and obligations of that Office, (which in such case he is hereby authorized 30 and required to do), in like manner as if he had been duly appointed Returning Officer, 32 and without being required to possess any other qualification, or to take any new Oath 34 for that purpose; and in any such case the Election Clerk shall annex to his Return to 36 the Writ of Election the said certificate of the Oath he shall have taken as Election 38 Clerk, and also the Oath itself.

Another Elec. be appointed in certain cases

Duty of Election Cierk in case the Rcturning Officer shall be unable to perform his duty

annexed to the Return in such case

XII. And be it enacted, That each Re- Proceedings 40 turning Officer shall at the time and place by him fixed as aforesaid for opening the Elec-42tion, proceed to the Hustings (which shall be held in the open air at such place as that 44 all the Electors may have free access thereto) and shall make or cause to be 46 made, in the English and French Languages in Lower Canada, and in the English Lan-

of the Returning Officer on the day of Election