

Proviso.

to alter and regulate the Appointment of Returning Officers in and for the same, and make Provision, in such Manner as they may deem expedient, for the issuing and Return of Writs for the Election of Members to serve in the said Legislative Assembly, and the Time and Place of holding such Elections: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful to present to the Governor of the Province of *Canada* for Her Majesty's Assent any Bill of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the said Province by which the Number of Representatives in the Legislative Assembly may be altered, unless the Second and Third Reading of such Bill in the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly shall have been passed with the Concurrence of Two Thirds of the Members for the Time being of the said Legislative Council, and of Two Thirds of the Members for the time being of the said Legislative Assembly respectively, and the Assent of Her Majesty shall not be given to any such Bill unless Addresses shall have been presented by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly respectively to the Governor, stating that such Bill has been so passed.

The present
Election Laws
of the Two
Provinces to
apply until
altered.
1 & 2 Vict. c. 9.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That until Provisions shall otherwise be made by an Act or Acts of the Legislature of the Province of *Canada* all the Laws which at the Time of the passing of this Act are in force in the Province of *Upper Canada*, and all the Laws which at the Time of the passing of the said Act of Parliament, intituled *An Act to make temporary Provision for the Government of Lower Canada*, were in force in the Province of *Lower Canada*, relating to the Qualification and Disqualification of any Person to be elected or to sit or vote as a Member of the Assembly in the said Provinces respectively, (except those which require a Qualification of Property in Candidates for Election, for which Provision is herein-after made,) and relating to the Qualification and Disqualification of Voters at the Election of Members to serve in the Assemblies of the said Provinces respectively, and to the Oaths to be taken by any such Voters, and to the Powers and Duties of Returning Officers, and the Proceedings at such Elections, and the Period during which such Elections may be lawfully continued, and relating to the Trial of controverted Elections, and the Proceedings incident thereto, and to the vacating of Seats of Members, and the issuing and Execution of new Writs in case of any Seat being vacated otherwise than by a Dissolution of the Assembly, shall respectively be applied to Elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada* for Places situated in those Parts of the Province of *Canada* for which such Laws were passed.

Qualification
of Members.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That no Person shall be capable of being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada* who shall not be legally or equitably seised as of Free-hold, for his own Use and Benefit, of Lands or Tenements held in Free and Common Socage, or seised or possessed,
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