

Returning Officer to issue his warrant for holding the Polls, &c., to each of his Deputies.

Form of Poll book, return thereof, &c.

47. The Returning Officer shall, by a Warrant under his hand, in the form K of the said Schedule, and addressed to each of the Deputy-Returning Officers by him appointed as aforesaid, require such Deputy-Returning Officer to open and hold the Poll according to law, at the time and place by him fixed as hereinbefore provided and set forth in his said Warrant, in the Parish, Township or Union of Townships, or Ward, or part of a parish or Township, or Ward (as the case may be), for which such Deputy has been so appointed, and to take and record at such Poll, in a Book which such Deputy shall keep or cause to be kept for that purpose, in the form L of the said Schedule, the votes of the Electors voting at the said Poll, and to return to him the said Poll Book signed with his hand and sealed with his seal, on or before the said day fixed by the Returning Officer for closing the Election. 12 V. c. 27, s. 19.

PROCEEDINGS PRELIMINARY TO POLLING.

Lists of Electors.

Returning Officer to see that each of his Deputies is furnished with a proper list of voters.

48. Every Returning Officer, upon receiving a Writ to hold any Election for a Member to serve in the Legislative Council or Assembly, shall ascertain that every Deputy-Returning Officer is in possession of a certified copy of the then last revised and certified list of voters within the Municipality, part of a municipality, or Ward of a City, for which he is Deputy-Returning Officer :

He shall procure such lists when requisite.

2. If the Clerk of the Municipality is not the Deputy-Returning Officer, or if the copy in the possession of the Clerk has been lost or destroyed, the Returning Officer shall procure from the Registrar of the County or Registration Division in Lower Canada, or from the Clerk of the Peace in Upper Canada, a copy certified by him to be correct of the then last list of voters for such Municipality, part of a Municipality or Ward, filed in his office, and shall cause the same to be delivered to the Deputy-Returning Officer ;

And charge for them.

3. The Returning Officer shall be authorized to include any charge for obtaining such certified copies in the account of the general expenses of holding such Election, furnished by him to the Government. 22 V. c. 82, s. 9.

Appointment and general duties of Poll Clerks.

Deputy-Returning Officers to appoint Poll Clerks.

Poll Clerks to take oaths of office, &c.

49. Every Deputy-Returning Officer, as well in Upper as in Lower Canada, shall, by a Commission under his hand, and in the form H of the said Schedule, appoint a Poll Clerk to assist him in taking the Poll according to law ; and each Poll Clerk appointed as aforesaid shall, before acting as such, take and subscribe, either before a Justice of the Peace for the County or District in which he resides, or before the Returning Officer, or