suing, at the hour of Ten o'clock of the forenoon of the same day, at the principal Polling Station, at which the Returning Officer himself shall preside, appoint a convenient time, and without unnecessary delay, when he shall in presence of the Candidates and Electors, or such of them as choose to attend, publicly break open the seals of the Poll Books, and sum up the whole of the Polls, and declare the true number of votes given for each Candidate, and proclaim the name or names of the Candidates who shall have been duly elected.

That the Returning Officers and their Deputies respectively are hereby authorized and empowered to administer all such Oaths as are prescribed by Law to be taken by the Electors and Witnesses in Election of Members of the General Assembly. The Fees by Law established shall be paid to the Returning Officers by the respective Candidates on the day of Nomination.

That the Returning Officers respectively shall, immediately after the due execution of the Writs, transmit the Poll Books, together with all affidavits, certificates and other documents incident to such Elections as aforesaid, putting the same securely under cover and seal, directed to Our Colonial Secretary at his Office in St. John's.

> Given under the Great Seal of Our Island of Newfoundland, at Saint John's, in Our said Island, the Twelfth day of March, Anno Domini 1861, in the Twenty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

> Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Alexander Banner-MAN, Knight, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies. &c.

> > By His Excellency's Command,

R. CARTER,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

## SCHEDULE.

## FORM OF OATH OF RETURNING OFFICER AND HIS DEPUTY.

I, (name of Returning Officer or Deputy,) do swear that I will honest- Form of Oath of Return-Ty and impartially and without favor to any Candidate, take the Pools at

ing Officer and his Deputy.