

XII. And be it enacted, that for the purposes of taking the Polls for such Elections as hereinbefore directed, the Returning Officer to whom any Writ for the Election of a Member or Members to represent any County, Riding, City, Town or Borough, in this Province, shall be directed, shall by warrant under his hand and seal appoint a Deputy, and also a Poll-Clerk for each and every of the Parishes, or Townships, or Wards, as the case may be, within such County, Riding, City, Town or Borough, and shall by precept under his hand and seal require each of such Deputies to take the Poll of such Election for his Parish, Township or Ward, as the case may be, according to Law, and to return the same to him under his hand and seal, by the day to which such Returning Officer shall have adjourned such Election, as hereinbefore directed: on which day such Returning Officer shall proceed to sum up and ascertain the state of the general Poll of such Election, and to declare the same, and to declare elected and return the person or persons who shall have the majority of votes polled at such Election in the different Parishes, or Townships, or Wards, in such County, Riding, City, Town or Borough, as the case may be.

Deputy Re-
turning Officer
and Poll
Clerks.

XIII. And be it enacted, that no person except a Freeholder shall be appointed nor act as a Returning Officer nor Deputy Returning Officer, nor unless he shall have been a Freeholder during at least a twelve month next before the appointment, in the County, Riding, City, Town or Borough, for which he is appointed, and shall during that time have resided therein.

Must be a
Freeholder.

XIV. And be it enacted, that in all cases where from any one or more of the precepts for taking the Polls in the several Parishes, Townships or Wards, in such County, Riding, City, Town or Borough, not having been returned to the said Returning Officer by the return day therein named, the said Returning Officer shall not be prepared on the day to which he had adjourned the further proceedings in such Election, to proceed to sum up, ascertain and declare the state of the general Poll of such Election, such Returning Officer instead of proceeding to examine such of the Returns as shall have been already made, shall further adjourn the proceedings in such Election to the following day, and so from day to day until the said precepts shall have been all returned; Provided always, that in proclaiming every such adjournment he shall publicly declare the reason thereof; and provided also, that he shall in no case continue such adjournment to so late a day as shall interfere with his being able to return the Writ of Election by the Return day therein named; and provided also, that he shall in no case adjourn such proceedings to any Sunday, Christmas-day, Good Friday or other Holy-day being a *fête d'obligation*, but shall in all cases where such adjournment shall be necessary, adjourn over every such Sunday, Christmas-day, Good Friday or other Holy-day being a *fête d'obligation*.

The General
Poll—when to
be declared.

Adjournment.

Fête days.

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