

Certain allegations not requisite in indictment.

punishment by fine or imprisonment, or both, as the Court shall award; and it shall not in any indictment for any such offence be necessary to allege that the article in respect of which the offence is committed, is the property of any person, or that the same is of any value. 22 V. c. 82, s. 7.

# RETURNING OFFICERS OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## *Lower Canada.*

21. In Lower Canada, to which alone this Section applies—

In Lower Canada Sheriffs to be Returning Officers for the Cities and Towns.

If there be more than one person in the office.

And the Registrars of Deeds for the Counties.

And if there be more than one Registrar in a County.

1. The Sheriffs for the several Districts of that part of the Province, shall be *ex officio* Returning Officers of Members of the Legislative Assembly for the respective Cities or Towns over which their authority as such Sheriffs extends; And in case there are two or more persons appointed to perform the office of Sheriff for any one of the said Districts, then the Writ of Election shall be directed to one of them, and the person to whom the Writ of Election is directed, shall alone act as such Returning Officer: And the Registrars of deeds for the several Counties in Lower Canada, shall be *ex officio* Returning Officers for the respective Counties over which their authority as such Registrars extends: and in case there are two or more Registrars in any of the said Counties, according to the divisions made for registry purposes, then the Writ of Election shall be directed to any one of such Registrars, and the Registrar to whom the Writ of Election is directed shall alone act as such Returning Officer; 12 V. c. 27, s. 2.

Certain Registrars to be *ex officio* Returning Officers.

2. But if in any County or Union of Counties in Lower Canada forming an Electoral Division, there is any place at which a Registrar of Deeds is directed to keep his office, such Registrar shall be *ex officio* the Returning Officer for such County or Union of Counties; And if in any such County or Union of Counties there are two or more places as aforesaid, then the Writ of Election may be directed to any one of the Registrars directed to keep their offices in such County or Union of Counties, and the Registrar to whom the same has been directed, shall alone act as Returning Officer.

In certain cases Governor may appoint a Returning Officer.

3. And for any Electoral Division in Lower Canada, in which there is no person authorized to act *ex officio* as Returning Officer at any Election of a Member for the Legislative Assembly, or when the person who would otherwise be authorized so to act is disqualified or otherwise prevented from acting in that capacity, the Governor may appoint a proper person to be such Returning Officer. 16 V. c. 152, s. 8.