

commenced within the space of nine Calendar months after the fact, upon which the same is grounded, shall have been committed.

XVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the penalty on Returning Officers, mentioned in the eighteenth section of the afore-said Act passed in the forty-seventh year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide Returning Officers for the Election of Knights, Citizens and Burgesses to serve in the House of Assembly, and to regulate the Elections to be held for that purpose," shall be increased to the sum of
Pounds; and that the penalty mentioned in the twenty-first Section of the said Act shall be increased to
for each offence or an imprisonment,
not exceeding one month, at the discretion of the Court before which conviction may be had.

XVII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Legislative Council of this Province, to cause an Abstract of this Act to be made and printed in both languages, and to cause a copy thereof to be transmitted, with a copy of the Laws, enacted during the present Session of the Legislature, to the persons who are by law entitled to the same, and it shall also be the duty of the senior Officer of Militia in each and every Parish or Township in this Province, to cause this Act to be publicly read at the Church Door of their respective Parishes or Townships, immediately after divine service, on some Sunday or holiday, at least eight days previous to any Election of a representative, within the County, Town or Borough for which such Election is to take place, and it shall be the duty of every Returning Officer immediately previous to proceeding to any such Election to read, or to cause this Act to be publicly read to the Electors assembled for the purpose of voting thereat.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that a sufficient number of Copies of this Act shall be printed separately, and one copy thereof shall be forwarded to every Returning Officer who shall hereafter be named for any ensuing general or Special Election, together with the Writ of Election that shall be addressed to him.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the fines, forfeitures and penalties by this Act imposed, except those which are granted to informers, shall be paid into the hands of His Majesty's Receiver-General, for the public uses of the said Province, and the support of the government thereof, and shall be accounted for to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, through the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the time being, in such manner and form as His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors shall direct.

XX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall remain in force until the
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one thousand eight hundred
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and no longer.