

objection shall be invalid and of none effect, and such appointment shall be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes.

Such appointments to be entered on minutes.

CIX. And be it enacted, That a note of the appointment of every such Clerk, Bailiff or other Officer by such Commissioner, shall be made in the Minutes of such Commission, and be open at all reasonable times to the inspection of all parties interested or concerned in such Election Petition.

What documents shall be transmitted to the Commissioner, by the Chairman of Committee.

CX. And be it enacted, That the Chairman of the said Select Committee shall address to the said Commissioner a true copy of the Petition which shall have been referred to the said Committee, and of the said lists and disputed votes and statements of the several parties which shall have been delivered according to the provisions of this Act, together with a true copy of the Order made by the said Committee, specially assigning and limiting the facts or allegations, matters and things respecting which the said Commissioner is required and directed to examine evidence and to report the same, together with all such other documents and papers as the said Select Committee shall think proper, all which Warrants, Petitions, Orders and Papers, shall be conveyed to such Commissioner through the Post Office, in the manner hereinafter prescribed for the transmission to the proper Court of Recognizances taken and estreated, or otherwise proceeded upon under this Act.

Committee may be adjourned during the execution of the Commission.

CXI. And be it enacted, That immediately after the completion of the proceedings aforesaid, the said Chairman of the said Select Committee shall thereupon report the proceedings of the said Committee to the House, and shall ask permission of the House for the said Committee to adjourn until such time as the Speaker shall by his Warrant in manner herein mentioned, direct the said Committee to re-assemble, and upon such permission being granted, it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee to adjourn accordingly; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Commissioner to open his Court at the time assigned, &c.; proceedings.

CXII. And be it enacted, That on the day appointed in and by the Warrant appointing such Commissioner, and at such place as he shall have appointed for that purpose, between the hours of ten in the forenoon and four in the afternoon, the said Commissioner shall proceed to open his Court or commence his proceedings by reading the Warrant of the said Chairman of the said Select Committee, and also the copy of the Petition and other papers transmitted by the said Chairman, and the said Commissioner shall, before further proceeding on the business of his said Commission, take and subscribe the oath set forth in the Schedule to this Act annexed, marked B (3), which said Oath the said Commissioner shall take and subscribe in the presence of the parties interested or concerned in such Election Petition, or their Agents, or such of them as shall attend, and the taking of the same shall be noted in the Minutes of such Commission, and if any person shall act as a Commissioner in the execution of this Act without having first taken and subscribed such Oath, he shall for such offence forfeit and pay the sum of One Hundred Pounds.

He shall be sworn.

Penalty for acting before taking oath.

Sittings of the Commissioner.

As to adjournments of such sittings.

CXIII. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioner shall sit every day, Sundays and Statutory Holidays only excepted, from the hour of ten in the morning till four in the afternoon, and shall never adjourn except by the consent in writing of all the parties to such Election Petition or their Agents, or by permission of the Select Committee appointed for the trial of such Election Petition, or in the case provided for by the next section of this Act, for a longer time than twenty-four hours, unless Sunday or some other Statutory Holiday or Holidays shall intervene, and in case of such intervention, every sitting or adjournment shall be within twenty-four hours from the time of appointing or fixing the same, exclusive of such Sunday or other Holiday or Holidays as aforesaid.

In case of sickness, accident, &c., report to be made to the Committee, and verified by affidavit.

CXIV. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioner shall not, except as before excepted, omit such daily sittings except in cases of sudden accident or necessity, or in case of illness; and that such cases of sudden accident or necessity shall forthwith be specially reported to the said Select Committee by such Commissioner, and be verified upon the Oath of the said Commissioner, and also in case of sickness by the

Oath