

things, declared, that every man being of the full age of twenty-one years and upwards, and being of sound understanding, and being a natural-born subject of his said late Majesty, or having been lawfully naturalized, and never having been convicted in due course of law of any infamous crime, and having for two years next immediately preceding the day of election occupied a dwelling House within the said Island, as owner or tenant thereof, should be eligible to be a Member of the said House of Assembly ; and it was by the said proclamation further declared, that every man who for one year next immediately preceding the day of election had occupied a dwelling house within the said Island, as owner or tenant thereof, and who in other respects might be eligible, according to the regulations aforesaid, to be a Member of the said House of Assembly, should be competent and entitled to vote for the election of Members of the said Assembly in and for the district within which the dwelling house so occupied as aforesaid by him might be situated : And whereas, in pursuance of the said Commission, Instruction, and Proclamation, General Assemblies have since been elected and holden in and for the said Island of *Newfoundland* in the manner therein prescribed ; and the said commission and instructions have from time to time been renewed on the appointment of the successive Governors of the said Island, and divers laws have been made in pursuance thereof by the said Governor, Council, and Assembly : And whereas it is expedient that the changes herein-after mentioned should be made in the Constitution of the Government of the said Island : be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for her Majesty in or by any commission or commissions under the great seal of the United Kingdom, to be hereafter issued for the Government of *Newfoundland*, and in and by any instructions under her Majesty's signet and sign manual accompanying and referred to in any such commission or commissions, to establish a Qualification in respect of income or property in right of which any person may be hereafter elected to serve as a Member of the said Assembly ; provided that no such qualification shall be fixed at more than a net annual income, arising from any source whatsoever, of one hundred pounds, or the possession of property, clear of all incumbrances, exceeding five hundred pounds in amount or value.

Her Majesty empowered to raise the Qualification of Members of Assembly.

II. And be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for her Majesty, in manner aforesaid to fix and determine the length of the period of residence within any electoral district in the said Island which shall be required in addition to any other qualification for voting at elections within such district, or for being elected to serve as a Member of the Assembly ; provided that such period shall not extend beyond the period of two years next preceding any such election.

Her Majesty empowered to lengthen period of residence of electors.

III. And be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for her Majesty, in manner aforesaid, to restrain the said Assembly from appropriating to the public service within the said Island any part of the public Revenue thereof, in cases where such services shall not have been previously recommended, or such grants of money shall not have been previously asked, by or on the behalf of her Majesty.

Her Majesty empowered to restrain appropriation of revenue.

IV. And be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for her Majesty, in manner aforesaid, to restrain and prohibit the election of Members to serve in the said Assembly, in different Districts, on successive or different days, and to re-

Her Majesty empowered to direct elections to be simultaneous.