

made returnable within fifty days at farthest from the day on which they shall bear date, unless it shall at any time be otherwise provided by any Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province, assented to by his Majesty, his heirs or successors; and that Writs shall in like manner and form be issued for the Election of Members, in the case of any vacancy which shall happen by the death of the person chosen, or by his being summoned to the Legislative Council of either Province, and that such Writs shall be made returnable within fifty days at farthest from the day on which they shall bear date, unless it shall at any time be otherwise provided by any Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province, assented to by his Majesty, his heirs or successors; and that in the case of any such vacancy which shall happen by the death of the person chosen, or by reason of his being so summoned as aforesaid, the Writ for the election of a new member, shall be issued within six days after the same shall be made known to the proper office for issuing such Writs of Election.

Returning Officers to execute Writs.

XIX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all and every the Returning Officers so appointed as aforesaid, to whom any such Writs as aforesaid shall be directed, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required duly to execute such Writs.

By whom the Members are to be chosen.

XX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Members for the several districts, or counties, or circles of the said provinces respectively, shall be chosen by the majority of votes of such persons as shall severally be possessed, for their own use and benefit, of lands or tenements within such district or county, or circle, as the case shall be, such lands being by them held in freehold, or in fief, or in rotture, or by certificate derived under the authority of the Governor and Council of the Province of Quebec, and being of the yearly value of forty shillings sterling, or upwards, over and above all rents and charges payable out of or in respect of the same; and that the Members for the several towns or townships within the said provinces respectively, shall be chosen by the majority of votes of such persons as either shall severally be possessed, for their own use and benefit, of a dwelling house and lot of ground in such town or township, such dwelling-house and lot of ground being by them held in like manner as aforesaid, and being of the yearly value of five pounds sterling, or upwards, or, as having been resident within the said town or township for the space of twelve calendar months next before the date of the Writ of summons for the Election, shall *bona fide* have paid one year's rent for the dwelling-house in which they shall have so resided, at the rate of ten pounds sterling per annum, or upwards.

Certain persons not eligible to the Assemblies.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person shall be capable of being elected a member to serve in either of the said Assemblies, or of sitting or voting therein, who shall be a member of either of the said Legislative Councils to be established as aforesaid in the said two provinces, or who shall be a Minister of the Church of England, or a Minister, Priest, Ecclesiastic, or Teacher, either according to the rites of the Church of Rome, or under any other form or profession of religious faith or worship.

No person under 21 years of age, &c.

XXII. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no person shall be capable of voting at any Election of a member to serve in such Assembly, in either of the said provinces, or of being elected at any such Election, who shall