

or affirmation before such Returning Officer (who is hereby authorized to administer the same,) that he hath not before voted at such Election, either at the polling place where he shall tender such vote, or at any other polling place within such County, Riding, City, Town or Borough, as the case may be.

Proclamation
of Election by
Returning Of-
ficer.

IX. And be it enacted, that every Returning Officer to whom any writ for the Election of a Member or Members to represent any County, Riding, City, Town or Borough in this Province, shall be directed, shall by Proclamation under his hand issued and published at least eight days before the holding such Election, appoint the day for proceeding to such Election, at the most convenient place for such purpose in such County, Riding, City, Town or Borough, at which day and place he shall attend between the hours of twelve o'clock at noon, and two o'clock in the afternoon, and proceed by Proclamation to such Election, in obedience to such writ.

Poll to be
granted by Re-
turning Officer
upon demand.

X. And be it enacted, that in the event of a Poll being demanded according to law at any Election for a Member or Members to represent any County, Riding, City, Town or Borough in this Province, the Returning Officer shall, and he is hereby required to grant the same, and forthwith to appoint some day, not less than four nor more than eight days thereafter, for taking such Poll, and he shall forthwith by public proclamation give notice of the time and place at which the Polls of such Election shall be taken in the several Parishes, Townships or Wards of such County, Riding, City, Town or Borough, as hereinbefore provided, and shall thereupon adjourn the further proceedings in such Election to some day within four days after the day fixed for the taking such Polls in the several Parishes, Townships or Wards, as aforesaid.

Hours of poll-
ing.

XI. And be it enacted, that at every such Election, when a Poll shall be granted, the polling shall commence in all the Parishes, Townships and Wards, in such County, Riding, City, Town or Borough, respectively, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of the day fixed for taking the polls for such Election, and such polling shall continue for two days only in all such Counties, Ridings, Cities, Towns and Boroughs, as shall not have any Register of Voters for Members of the Provincial Parliament, and for one day only in all such Counties, Ridings, Cities, Towns and Boroughs, as shall have such Register; and such two days shall be consecutive days, except where Sunday, Christmas-day, or Good-Friday, (or other Holyday, being a *fête d'obligation*) or any two of them shall intervene, in which case the second day of polling shall be the day following any such Sunday, Christmas-day, Good-Friday, (or other Holyday, being a *fête d'obligation*) as the case may be; and the Polls shall be kept open for each day of polling, and no poll shall be kept open later than five o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of polling.

Number of
days.

XII.