

In case of death or illness of election officer.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That if, at any election of a Councillor or Councillors, to be had as aforesaid, the Poll shall be interrupted by the death or severe illness of the Chief or Assistant Election Officer, or other person holding such election, the person or persons authorized by him to aid and assist him as Clerk or Clerks, and sworn as is hereinbefore directed, shall, under a penalty of ten pounds current, money of this Province, forthwith assume the functions of the said chief or assistant Election Officer, or other person holding such election, and shall proceed to take the Poll, and act in every respect in the same manner as if he or they had been the said Chief or Assistant Election Officer appointed to have held such election, and with all and every the powers and authority appertaining to the appointment of such Chief or Assistant Election Officer appointed to hold such election, of all which the said Clerk or Clerks shall make a particular entry in the Poll Book, as well as make a special return, unless his or their authority shall have been previously superseded by the recovery of the said Chief or Assistant Election Officer appointed to hold such election, from such illness as aforesaid.

Further provision made for election of Councillors.

XXV. And be it enacted, That at each election of a Councillor or Councillors hereafter, the Chief Election Officer and the Assistant Election Officer or Officers, as the case may be, shall attend at the principal polling place, in the Ward in which such election shall be held, at the time prescribed for the said election, and if up to the hour of half-past nine o'clock in the forenoon, but one person or candidate be proposed, then that such person or Candidate be declared and returned by the said Chief Election Officer, duly elected by acclamation, but if at any time before the said hour of half-past nine o'clock in the forenoon a second or other person or candidate, or more, be proposed for the said office or offices, then that the said Assistant Election Officer or Officers, do thereupon proceed to their respective polling places, and that the said election be proceeded with and carried on by all parties, in the manner hereinbefore prescribed: Provided that the said poll being once opened shall in all cases continue open till five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day; and that no person shall be allowed to propose a person or candidate for the said office of Councillor, or to second the nomination of any such, unless he be a duly qualified elector in the Ward for which the said election is to be held.

Proviso.

Persons holding elections to have power to maintain the peace.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That any and every person, holding any such election, shall have power, and authority to maintain and enforce order and keep the peace at the election held by him, and all officers and non-commissioned officers of militia, constables, and other peace-officers, and also all others Her Majesty's subjects, within the limits of the Ward of the City, for which such election is held, or who shall be present thereat, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting him therein; and if any person or persons shall commit violence, or be engaged in any affray or riot, or be armed with clubs, staves, or other offensive weapons, or wear or carry any flag, ribbon, or cockade, or other badge or mark whatsoever, to distinguish him or them as supporting any particular candidate or candidates, or in any wise disturb or threaten to disturb the peace or order at such election, or wilfully prevent or endeavour to prevent any elector or person from coming to vote thereat, or in any wise interrupt the Poll, or the business thereof, the said person holding any such election, shall have power and authority, on view, or on the oath of one credible witness,

Violence, riots, being armed or carrying flags, badges, &c.

Disturbing the Peace, preventing electors voting, &c.