

that I will faithfully and impartially perform my duty at this Election to the best of my judgment and ability;"

"So help me God."

No Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer shall have power to grant a scrutiny.

XIV. And be it enacted, that hereafter no Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, in this Province, shall have any power to grant or enter upon any scrutiny of the votes polled at any Election, for a Member or Members, to represent the people of this Province in the Provincial Parliament.

Returning Officers or their Deputies to have power to administer the oath of allegiance.

XV. And be it enacted, that every Deputy Returning Officer at any Election for a Member or Members, to represent the people of this Province in Provincial Parliament, shall be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered during the period that his authority as Deputy Returning Officer shall continue, to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to any person or persons, who may be willing or desirous of taking the same, which oath or affirmation so taken, shall to all intents and purposes whatsoever, have the like effect upon the civil and political rights of the party taking the same, as if the same had been administered by a Commissioner or Commissioners for that purpose specially appointed by the Crown.

Certain fees allowed to Returning Officers.

XVI. And be it enacted, that every Returning Officer for the respective Counties, Ridings, Cities, Towns, or Boroughs in this Province shall be entitled to the following fees and allowances for the services and disbursements hereinafter specified respectively, that is to say;—For attendance on the day of opening the Election;

For attendance on the day of closing the Election, where Polls have been taken,

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For an Election Clerk on the former day, For an Election Clerk on the latter day,

For two Constables on the day of opening the Election, and the same on the day of closing it, where polls have been taken; and for Constables at each Poll, per diem each, For messenger to each Deputy Returning Officer, per mile, for