

COLONY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND.



AN ACT

To make Provision for the Registration of Voters, and for other purposes relating thereto.

WHEREAS it is expedient to declare and amend the regulations to be used in the Registration of Voters.

Therefore, Be it enacted, by the Governor on Her Majesty's behalf, by and with the consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly, as follows :

I. It shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor to appoint a fit and proper person in each Electoral District, to be the returning officer therein, and also to appoint a fit and proper person to be the revisor of the list of voters in all the Electoral Districts.

II. No person shall hereafter vote at any election of a member or members to serve in the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island, excepting he be previously registered and retained upon the list of voters of the District or Town in which he claims to vote.

In order to form such Lists of Voters, the Sheriff of Vancouver Island shall, and he is hereby authorized and empowered immediately after the passage of this Act, to publish in the official Gazette, and in various conspicuous situations in the several Districts or District towns, or town, in which an election of a member or members to serve in the House of Assembly shall be about to take place, a notice either printed or written, according to the Form numbered 1 in Schedule D, to this Act annexed, calling upon all persons who shall be entitled to vote at the election of a member or mem-

bers to serve in the House of Assembly, in respect of any legal qualification situated within such District or town, to transmit to the said Sheriff, within fourteen days next after the date of such publication, a notice of their claim as such voters, according to the form marked 2, in the said Schedule D, to this Act annexed, or to the like effect, such notice being signed by the claimant, who shall at the same time transmit or deliver to the aforesaid Sheriff the sum of Four Shillings and Two Pence, without which payment the claim shall not be registered. All notices of claim to vote shall immediately, upon the receipt thereof and payment made, be filed and preserved, and any person knowingly making any false declaration therein, shall be deemed guilty of perjury, or knowingly making any false claim be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, punished accordingly: the Sheriff of Vancouver Island being hereby empowered to prosecute in such cases.

III. Within one week after the fourteen days allowed for claims to be transmitted or delivered shall have expired, the Sheriff aforesaid shall make or cause to be made out according to the Form numbered 3, in the Schedule D, to this Act annexed, alphabetical lists of all persons who shall have claimed as aforesaid, to be inserted in such lists as voters in the election of a member or members to serve in the House of Assembly of Vancouver Island for such District or