

of , and that the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for which I claim a right to be Elected, consists of , and are situate and lying in , and the same hath or have not been made or granted to me fraudulently, on purpose to qualify me to be Elected. So help me God.

IV. *And be it further enacted,* That every Sheriff, or other Officer, to whom the execution of any Writ for the Electing any Member or Members, to serve in the General Assembly of this Province shall be directed, and that act contrary or otherwise than by this is directed, or shall return any person or persons, not duly Elected by the majority of the Freeholders, every such Sheriff or other Officer shall forfeit the sum of two hundred pounds, one third part thereof to the King, his Heirs and Successors, one third part to the Poor of the County or Town in which such Election is held, and the remaining third thereof to the party aggrieved that will sue for the same, with costs of suit, to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information.

Sheriffs liable to Penalty.

V. *And be it further enacted,* That any person or persons, who shall, at the request of any Candidate, at any future Election, furnish any meat, drink, or entertainment of any kind, during such Candidate's Election, to any Freeholder, or body of Freeholders, or to any other description of People, such person or persons so furnishing the same, shall be totally disabled and prevented from recovering from such Candidate, or from any of his friends, any reward or payment whatsoever, for such entertainment, or any part thereof; and if any person or persons shall sue any Candidate, or any of his friends, for the whole or any part of the expences of such entertainment, it shall and may be lawful for the Judge of the Court, wherein such suit shall be brought, (on due proof being made, that such demand arises for, and on account of the entertainment of the Freeholders, at, or during, any Election, in this Province,) to order the party bringing such suit, to be non-suited, and to enter judgment accordingly. *Provided always,* that nothing herein contained, shall extend to prevent any person or persons from recovering from any individual person, the value of such entertainment, as he or they may, during any Election, furnish or provide for such individual person, for his own use, and at his own special instance and request.

Entertainment of Freeholders.

Province.

VI. *And be it further enacted,* That any person or persons, who shall bribe or corrupt any Freeholder or Freeholders, at any Election within this Province, such person or persons, so offending, shall suffer all the penalties prescribed by the Laws of England, for such offences.

Bribery.

VII. *And be it further enacted,* That the Sheriff or other Officer, at the opening the Poll each day, shall read this Act; and no other Oath, save as herein before directed, shall be required from any Voter, at any Election within this Province, nor shall any Religious Test be required from such Voter: liberty of conscience being one amongst many other blessings conferred on this Province by Our Most Gracious Sovereign.

This Act to be read daily during Election.

VIII. *And be it further enacted,* That the Poll for any one Election, shall not be kept open more than six days, (unless such Poll shall be removed as hereinafter directed,) after which time it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff or other Officer to close it, and return the Candidate or Candidates, who shall then have the majority of Votes; and that for each day the Poll shall be kept open, the Sheriff or other Officer shall be entitled to receive from each Candidate, the sum of Ten Shillings; and if a scrutiny is demanded, Ten Shillings for his attendance on it each day, to be paid by the Candidate or Candidates demanding it, or whose Votes may be scrutinized on such scrutiny.

Continuance of Poll.

Return of Candidates.

Allowance to Sheriff.

IX. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful (on application of either

Removing Poll.

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