

Returning Officers for the Counties and Unions of Counties for purposes of Representation in the Provincial Parliament, over which or over any County in which, their authority as such Sheriffs shall extend and in which they shall respectively reside, and also for the respective cities and towns sending Members to Parliament and lying within the local limits of such Counties or Unions of Counties; and that for the several other Counties or Unions of Counties for the purpose of Representation, for which no Sheriff shall, under the foregoing provision, be *ex officio* the Returning Officer, the Registrars of deeds for the time being for such Counties or Unions of Counties, or for any of the Counties included in such Unions of Counties, shall be *ex officio* Returning Officers: Provided always, Firstly, That so long as the County of Peel shall remain united for judicial purposes to the County of York, the Sheriff of that County, or of the Union of which it is a Member, shall be *ex officio* Returning Officer for the County of Peel as well as for the County of York and the City of Toronto; and so long as the County of Ontario shall remain united for judicial purposes to the said County of York, and there shall be no separate Registrar for the said County of Ontario, the Registrar of the said County of York, shall be *ex officio* Returning officer for the said County of Ontario: and provided also, Secondly, That if in any case there shall be more than one person who may under the foregoing provisions be *ex officio* Returning Officer for any place, then the writ of Election may be directed to either of them, and the person to whom it shall be directed shall alone act as such Returning Officer; and if in any case it shall happen that writs of Election shall issue at the same time, or so nearly at the same time that the one shall not be returnable before the other or others shall issue, for several places for which the same person would, under the foregoing provisions, be *ex officio* Returning Officer, then only one of such writs shall be directed to such person, and the other or others to such other person or persons, qualified in the manner provided by the fifth section of the said Act, as the Governor shall appoint to be the Returning Officer or Officers.”

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If there be no *ex officio* Returning officer, Governor to appoint one.

III. And be it enacted, That if in any case it shall happen either in Upper or in Lower Canada, that there shall be no person, who, under the provisions of the said Act and of this Act, shall be *ex officio* Returning Officer for any place for which an Election is to be held, or the person who is such Returning Officer shall be absent from the Province, or incapacitated from sickness or otherwise from performing the duties of Returning Officer, then it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint any person qualified under the said fifth section of the said Act to be Returning Officer for such place.