

to which such Returning Officer shall have adjourned such Election as hereinbefore directed, on which day such Returning Officer shall proceed to ascertain the state of the general poll of such Election, and to declare the same, and to declare elected and returned the person or persons who shall have the majority of the votes Polled at such Election, in the different Parishes, or Townships, or Wards, in such County, Riding, City, Town, or Borough, as the case may be.

Who shall declare the result of the Election.

XII. And be it enacted, that all powers and authorities now by law vested in Returning Officers, and necessary for the orderly and proper taking of the Polls of Elections, for Members to represent the People of this Province in Provincial Parliament, shall be and the same are hereby vested in every such Deputy Returning Officer, within his respective jurisdiction, as fully and absolutely as in his principal.

Deputies to have the same power as the Returning Officers for the preservation of order.

XIII. And be it enacted, that no Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk shall proceed to the receiving and recording of votes or to the discharge of any other of their respective duties, at any such Election, until in a public manner they shall have severally taken, and subscribed in the Poll Book, the following oath or affirmation, which oath or affirmation any Justice of the Peace of the District in which such Parish, or Township, or Ward shall lie, is hereby authorised and on request required to administer:

Deputies and Poll Clerks to take a certain oath before they act as such.

Form of Oath.

"I. A. B. do solemnly swear (or affirm as *the case may be*,) that I have not directly or indirectly received any sum or sums of money, office, place or emolument, gratuity, profit or reward, or any bond, bill, note, or other written instrument or verbal agreement, whereby such is promised or secured, either by myself or any other person for, or to my use, benefit, or advantage, for making any false or incorrect statement or entry in the Poll Book, to be taken at this Election, or return of the same, or for shewing any favor or partiality at this Election, and

The Oath.