

Offensive
weapons to be
delivered up
during the
Election.

Penalty.

To be restored
after Election.

Conviction for
battery within
two miles of
the place of
Election.

Punishment.

Against Bri-
bery and Cor-
ruption.

XXVII. And be it enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for any Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, during any part of the days whereon any such Election shall be to be begun, holden, or proceeded with, or on which any Poll for such Election shall be to be begun, holden, or proceeded with, to demand and receive from any person whomsoever, any offensive weapon, such as fire-arms, swords, staves, bludgeons, or the like, with which any such person shall be armed, or which any such person shall have in his hands or personal possession, and every such person, who, upon such demand, shall decline or refuse to deliver up to such Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, any such offensive weapon as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine not exceeding twenty five pounds, and imprisonment not exceeding three calendar months, or by both, in the discretion of the Court whose duty it shall be to pass the sentence of the Law upon such person upon his conviction : Provided always, that upon reasonable request made to such Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, after the close of such Election, any such weapon that shall have been delivered up to such Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, shall be restored by such Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer, to the person from whom the same may have been taken as aforesaid.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, that every person who shall be convicted of a battery committed during any part of the days whereon any such Election shall be to be begun, holden or proceeded with, or on which any Poll for such Election shall be to be begun, holden and proceeded with, within the distance of two miles of the place where such Election or such Poll shall be to be begun, holden, or proceeded with, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than twenty five pounds and imprisoned for not more than three calendar months, or either, in the discretion of the Court whose duty it shall be to pass the sentence of the Law upon such person upon his conviction.

XXIX. And be it enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any Candidate at any Election, directly or indirectly to employ any means of corruption by giving any sum of money, office, place, employment, gratuity, reward, or any bond, bill, or note of conveyance of land, or any promise of the same, or to threaten any Elector of losing any office, salary, income, or advantage, either by himself or his authorised Agent for that purpose, with the intent to corrupt or bribe any Elector to vote for such Candidate, or to keep back any Elector from voting for any other Candidate, nor to open and support, or cause to be opened and supported at his costs and charges, any house of public entertainment for the accommodation of the Electors within the County, Riding, City, Town or Borough, for which he is a Candidate; and in case any Representative returned to Parliament shall be proved guilty of using any of the above means to procure his Election before the proper tribunal