

constable, he may be arrested forthwith, and imprisoned for the whole period of the election, or condemned to pay a fine of £5.

Persons annoying electors coming to vote.

XVII. Any person who, within the house or building in which the poll shall be held, or in the approaches or entries thereto, shall in any way impede any elector coming to vote at such election, shall, on complaint of such elector, or of one credible witness, be summarily and on the spot sentenced by the deputy returning officer, or any justice of the peace, to pay a fine of £4. 5

Returning Officer to be responsible for his deputies if insolvent.

XVIII. If any returning officer or sheriff shall appoint insolvent deputies, he shall be held responsible for the penalties and damages which such deputies may incur by negligence or contravention of the law of elections. 10

Deputy Returning Officer to swear in six special constables,—their duties.

XIX. The Deputy Returning Officer shall appoint and swear in six poll constables whose duty it shall be to keep open the approaches to the poll against all violence, under the direction of the Deputy Returning Officer, who shall also have the right of appointing and swearing in as many special constables as he shall deem necessary for the maintenance of peace and order; and any person who shall refuse to take the oath as constable, or who having taken it, shall neglect to discharge the duties thereunder, upon the verbal or written requisition of the said Deputy Returning Officer, shall be liable to a fine of £5 for each neglect or refusal. 15 20

Summary proceedings against those refusing to obey orders of the constable or peace officer.

XX. Any person who, being at the poll or hustings at such election, or in the vicinity of the said poll or hustings, shall resist or refuse to obey any constable or officer or other peace officer acting under the orders of a Deputy Returning Officer, may be summarily and on the spot condemned by such Deputy Returning Officer to pay a fine of £5, or to imprisonment for one month, and any such judgment, warrant, or *mittimus* rendered or issued by virtue of this Act may be enforced or carried into effect at any time within the year following the day on which such judgment, warrant, or *mittimus* shall have been rendered or issued. 25 30

Convictions to be summary—right to appeal in certain cases.

XXI. Every conviction under this Act shall be summary and without appeal, when the penalty does not exceed five pounds; and in any case in which an appeal lies, such appeal shall be by petition to a Court of competent jurisdiction, and not by *certiorari*. All the penalties prescribed in this Act are stated in pounds and shillings of the present currency. 35

Half the penalty to be given to the informer.

XXII. The informer, even though he be a witness for the prosecution, shall receive one-half the penalty; and in all cases the costs shall be levied over and above the amount of the penalty. 40

Certain sections of this Act to be printed and posted with proclamation, and to be read at the church door.

XXIII. Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, and 22 of this Act shall be printed in the form of placards, and sent in sufficient numbers to each Returning Officer, that he may attach one of such placards at the foot of each proclamation calling a general meeting of the electors, and further, they shall be read in a loud and intelligible voice, in the language of the majority present, on the Sunday next before the voting, at the door of each church or chapel in the local municipality in which a poll is about to be held. 45