

VIII. COMMISSION FOR THE EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES.

mission, such Select Committee shall and may proceed to supersede the same, and to appoint another Commissioner thereupon as hereinbefore provided for that purpose: Provided always nevertheless, that notwithstanding any-
 5 thing herein contained to the contrary, in the event of the death of any such Commissioner, the Clerk employed by him in keeping the minutes of his proceedings under the same, shall and may, either by the consent of all the parties interested or concerned in such Election
 10 Petition, their counsel or agent, or by direction of such Select Committee, make a report and return of all the proceedings had and taken by such Commissioner, which report and return shall in such case be equally available for all the purposes of this Act as if made by such Com-
 15 missioner himself.

CXVI. And be it enacted, That if any such Commissioner shall be prevented from attending at the day and place appointed as aforesaid by any sudden accident, necessity or illness, to be verified upon Oath in manner
 20 herein directed, he shall not be liable to the said penalty of *twenty-five pounds*, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

CXVII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioner from time to time to
 25 adjourn to any Town, Village or place within the *County or Riding* in which the Election was held, in all cases where it shall appear to him expedient or necessary so to do.

CXVIII. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioner shall have power at all times by warrant under his hand and seal, to send for all persons, papers and records, and shall examine all Witnesses who shall come before him, upon Oath or affirmation as the case may require, and shall examine all matters referred to him. and shall
 30 in all respects have the same powers and authorities for examining the said matters so referred to him as Select Committees of the Commons House of Legislative Assembly for the trial of Election Petitions, have for examining the matters and things referred to such Select
 35 Committees, and the said Commissioner shall proceed in examining all and every Witness or Witnesses who shall come before him, and in scrutinizing the rights of any voter or voters, and in all matters and things whatsoever referred to him in the same course and manner, and according to
 40 the same Rules, as Select Committees of the Commons House of Legislative Assembly for the trial of Election Petitions ought and are empowered to proceed in like cases, and the Clerk appointed by the said Commissioner