

same. And if any Elector be questioned as to his qualification by any Candidate, the Sheriff shall administer to him the following Oath :—

Elector's Oath.

I, A. B. do swear, that I am by Law entitled to Vote in the County or Town of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Province of Nova-Scotia ; and that the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for which I claim a right to Vote, consists of \_\_\_\_\_, and are situate, lying, and being, in \_\_\_\_\_, and the same hath or have not been made or granted to me fraudulently on purpose to qualify me to give my Vote ; and that I have not received, or had by myself or any person whatever in trust for me, or for my use and benefit, directly or indirectly, any sum or sums of money, office, place, or employment, gift, or reward, or any promise or security for any money, office, employment or gift, in order to give my Vote at this Election, and that I have not before been Polled at this Election, and that the place of my abode is at \_\_\_\_\_.

Affirmation.

Fraudulent conveyance of Lands.

So help me God. Or if Quakers, the test or affirmation to the same effect ; and all fraudulent conveyances of Land, for the purpose of multiplying Votes, or to qualify Voters at Elections, subject to an agreement to re-convey the same, shall be taken against the Grantors as free and absolute, and all collateral securities for defeating such Estate, shall be void ; and the person making such conveyances, or Voting by colour thereof, shall forfeit ten pounds to any person that will sue for the same, in any Court of Record in this Province ; one half part to the person or persons, who shall prosecute the same to effect, and the other half to and for the use of the Poor of the County or Town concerned in such Election ; and if any Elector shall, being thereunto required, refuse or neglect to take the said Oath, or to affirm the effect thereof as aforesaid, that the Poll or Vote of such person neglecting or refusing, shall be, and is hereby declared to be, null and void, and as such shall be rejected.

Electors refusing to take the Oath.

Qualification of Members and Electors.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That each person hereafter to be chosen a Member of Assembly, and each Elector, at the time of giving his Vote in any Election, hereafter to be held in this Province, shall actually have an Income of Forty Shillings per annum, in Freehold Estate, or shall have, within the County or Town for which he shall Vote, or be Elected, in his own right, in fee simple, a Dwelling House, with the Ground on which the same stands, or One Hundred Acres of Land, whereof Five at least shall be under cultivation ; such person or persons possessing any one of the beforementioned interests, shall be entitled to Vote, or be Elected for the County or Town wherein the same shall be situate. *Provided always*, that no person shall be entitled to Vote in any Election, to be hereafter held in this Province, or shall be eligible to serve as a Member of Assembly, who shall not have had the Grant, or Conveyance, under which he holds as aforesaid, registered six months before the test of the Writ, for holding the Election. *Provided also*, that nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed to extend to any person or persons, holding by descent, or devise of the yearly value aforesaid.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That if any Candidate be questioned as to his qualification by any Elector, at the commencement of the Poll, such Candidate shall state to the Sheriff or other Officer, where the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments do lie, whereby he makes out his qualification, declaring his having an actual Income of Forty Shillings per annum, in Freehold Estate, or otherwise qualified as the Law directs, which statement and declaration of such Candidate, shall, by the Sheriff or other Officer, be marked down at the same time in the Poll Book, and such Candidate, shall, if required, take and subscribe the following Oath :

Candidate's Oath.

I, A. B. do swear that I am by Law qualified to be Elected for the Town or County of \_\_\_\_\_ of