

hundred dollars ; unless such person, not being a Sheriff or Registrar, and having a right to claim the exemption granted by the next preceding section, has in fact claimed such exemption within two days next after the receipt of such Writ of Election. 12 V. c. 27, s. 8.

ISSUE OF THE WRIT.

Writs of Election to be addressed to the Returning Officers.

29. Whenever a Writ of Election is issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly or in the Legislative Council of this Province, the same shall be addressed and directed to the Sheriff or Registrar who is *ex officio* the Returning Officer for the Electoral Division, or to the person appointed by the Governor if such appointment is made according to the requirements of this Act. 12 V. c. 27, s. 4.

PROVISO AS TO WRITS TO CERTAIN COUNTIES.

As to return of Writs for the Counties of Chicoutimi, Saguenay and Gaspé.

30. For and notwithstanding any thing to the contrary contained in the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the government of Canada*, any Writ issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province for the County of Gaspé, or for the Counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay, may be made returnable at any time within ninety days from the day on which the same shall bear date. 14, 15 V. c. 87, s. 1. See *Cap. I, s. 8, as to Legislative Council.*

PROCEEDINGS, ON THE RECEIPT OF THE WRIT.

Duties of Returning Officers.

31. Each Returning Officer shall, on receiving the Writ of Election, forthwith endorse thereon the date of its reception :

Proclamation, its form and contents.

2. Within eight days next after the day of such reception, he shall, by a Proclamation under his hand, issued in the English language in Upper Canada, and in the English and French languages in Lower Canada, and in the Form A of the Schedule annexed to this Act, fix the place, day and hour, at which he will proceed to hold the Election ;

Posting up of Proclamation.

3. He shall cause the said Proclamation to be posted up, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, at least eight days before the day which by such Proclamation he has fixed for holding the said Election, which day so fixed shall be called the Nomination Day ;

Place of election.

4. The place to be so fixed by the Returning Officer, shall be in the public place most central and most convenient for the great body of the Electors in the County, Riding, City or Town or other Electoral Division for which he is acting as such Returning Officer, and the hour to be fixed shall be between eleven

Hour.

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