

XVI. *Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no person shall be obliged to execute the said office of returning officer for any longer time than one year, or oftener than once, unless it shall at any other time be otherwise provided by an Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the province, assented to by his Majesty, his heirs or successors.

XVII. *Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the whole number of members to be chosen in the province of *Upper Canada* shall not be less than sixteen, and the whole number of members to be chosen in the province of *Lower Canada* shall not be less than fifty.

XVIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That writs for the election of members to serve in the said assemblies respectively, shall be issued by the governor, or lieutenant governor, or person administering his Majesty's government within the said provinces respectively, within fourteen days after the sealing of such instrument as aforesaid, for summoning and calling together such assembly, and that such writs shall be directed to the respective returning officers of the said districts, or counties, or circles and towns or townships, and that such writs shall be made returnable within fifty days at farthest from the day on which they shall bear date, unless it shall at any time be otherwise provided by any act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the province, assented to by his Majesty, his heirs or successors; and that writs shall in like manner and form be issued for the election of members in the case of any vacancy which shall happen by the death of the person chosen, or by his being summoned to the Legislative Council of either province, and that such writs shall be made returnable within fifty days at farthest from the day on which they shall bear date, unless it shall at any time be otherwise provided by any act of the legislative council and assembly of the province, assented to by his Majesty, his heirs or successors; and that in the case of any such vacancy which shall happen by the death of the person chosen, or by reason of his being so summoned as afore-

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