

VI. *Provided always, and be it hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every person who, from and after the passing of this Act, shall appear as a candidate; or shall by himself or any others be proposed to be elected to serve as a Member for any County, City, Riding, Borough, or any part or place now or hereafter sending a Member to the House of Assembly of this Province, shall, and he is hereby enjoined and required, upon reasonable request to him to be made, at the time of such election, or before the day prefixed in the writ of summons for the meeting of Parliament, by any other person who shall stand a candidate at such election, or by any two or more persons having a right to vote at such election, take a corporal oath, in the following form, or to the following effect: "I A. B. do swear, that I truly and bona fide have such a freehold estate, over and above all incumbrances that may affect the same, and am otherwise qualified according to the provisions of Law, to be elected and returned to serve as a Member in the Commons House of Assembly, according to the tenor and true meaning of the Act of Parliament in that behalf, and that I have not obtained the same fraudulently for the purpose of enabling me to be returned Member to the Commons House of Assembly of this Province, so help me God.

Every candidate shall if required, take the following oath.

VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any of the said candidates, or persons proposed to be elected as aforesaid, shall be guilty of false swearing in such oath, such candidate or candidates, or person or persons as aforesaid, shall on conviction thereof, receive and suffer the like pains and penalties to which any other person convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury is liable by the Laws and Statutes of this Province.

False swearing therein to be punished as wilful & corrupt perjury.

VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the oath aforesaid, shall and may be administered by the Sheriff for any such County as aforesaid, or by the Mayor, Bailiff, or other Officer or Officers for any County, City, Borough, Riding, Place or Places as aforesaid, to whom it shall appertain to take the poll or make the return at such election for the same County, City, Borough, Riding, Place or Places respectively, or by any two or more Justices of the Peace within this Province, and the said Sheriff, Mayor, Bailiff or other Officers; and the said Justices of the Peace respectively, who shall administer the said oaths, are hereby required to certify the taking thereof, into His Majesty's Court of His Bench within three months after the same, under the penalty of forfeiting the sum of two hundred pounds, to be recovered with full costs of suit, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in His Majesty's Court of His Bench in this Province, and if any of the said candidates or persons proposed to be elected as aforesaid, shall wilfully refuse upon reasonable request to be made at the time of the election or at any time before the day upon which such Parliament by the writ of summons is to meet, to take the oath hereby required, then the election and return of such candidate shall be void.

By whom the said oath to be administered

Oath to be certified into the King's Bench.

Penalties for neglect.

The election of any candidate refusing to take the oath, to be void.

IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no fee or reward shall be taken for administering any such oath, or making, receiving, or filing the certificate thereof, except two shillings and six-pence for administering

Fee for administering oath;