

within five years from the day on which he shall have been so elected, shall have already served the said office of Councillor, or paid a fine for not serving the same, shall be liable to such fine as aforesaid.

Oaths to be taken by a Councillor before he can act as such.

XIV. And be it further Ordained and Enacted, that no person elected a Councillor as aforesaid, shall be capable of acting as such until he shall have taken and subscribed before the Warden of the District, or the Justice of the Peace or other person who shall have presided at the election (who are hereby authorized to administer the said oaths,) the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, and also an oath in the words or to the effect following, that is to say, "I, A. B., having been elected a Councillor in the District Council of _____ do hereby sincerely and solemnly swear that I will faithfully fulfil the duties of the said office, according to the best of my judgment and ability; and that I am seized and possessed, to my own use, of lands held in freehold (or in *fief* or in *roture*, as the case may be) within the District of _____ of the value of three hundred pounds currency, over and above all charges and incumbrances due and payable upon or out of the same; and that I have not fraudulently or collusively obtained the same for the purpose of qualifying me to be elected as aforesaid. So help me God."

Councillors refusing to take the oaths, to pay a fine.

XV. And be it further Ordained and Enacted, that every person duly qualified, who shall be elected to the office of Councillor as aforesaid, shall take and subscribe the oaths hereinbefore mentioned, within ten days after notice of his election; and in default thereof, such person shall be deemed to have refused to accept the said office; and shall be liable to pay the fine aforesaid as for non-acceptance of office, and the said office shall thenceforward be deemed to be vacant, and shall be filled up by another election.

Manner of proceeding to supply the places of Councillors refusing to accept office or to take the oaths.

XVI. And be it further Ordained and Enacted, that in cases where any duly qualified person, elected to the office of Councillor in any of the said Districts shall refuse to accept such office, or shall refuse or neglect to take and subscribe the above mentioned oaths, it shall be lawful for the Justice of the Peace, or other person who shall have presided at the election at which such person was elected, as often as such case of refusal or neglect shall occur, to proceed, after four days notice in this behalf, to the electors qualified as aforesaid, to be posted at two or more of the most public places in the said Parishes or Townships, or reputed Parishes or Townships, to another election of a fit and proper person to supply the place of the person who shall have so refused or neglected to accept office, or to take and subscribe the said oaths; and the Councillor who may be elected at such new election, shall hold