

by act of the Legislature of Lower Canada, or of the Province of Canada.

VI. Provided also, and be it further ordained and enacted, that no person being in Holy Orders, or being a Minister or Teacher of any dissenting or religious sect or congregation, or any Judge or Clerk of any Court of Justice, or any Military, Naval, or Marine Officer, in Her Majesty's service on full pay, shall be elected to or for any of the offices aforesaid; nor shall any licensed School Master, or practising Physician, or any Miller, when the only Miller in any Mill, nor any person of sixty five years of age, or upwards, nor any person who shall have served any of the offices aforesaid, or paid a fine for not accepting the same, within the period of five years immediately preceeding any such election, be held or bound, without his consent, to accept or execute any of the said offices.

VII. Provided also, and be it further ordained and enacted, that no person shall be capable of voting at any such election, to be held as aforesaid, or of being elected at the same, who shall have been attainted for Treason or Felony, in any Court of Law, within any of Her Majesty's dominions.

VIII. And be it further ordained and enacted, that the Justice of the Peace, or other person, by whom the Inhabitant House-holders shall be assembled as aforesaid, shall preside at the meeting of the said Inhabitant House-holders, to be held as aforesaid, and shall have the like authority, to preserve order, enforce obedience, administer oaths, and commit for a contempt of his authority, as belongs, or shall or may belong, to any Returning Officer, at an election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, or in which this Province may be represented.

IX. And be it further ordained and enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said Inhabitant House-holders, or the greater part of them, so assembled and qualified as aforesaid, within the local divisions aforesaid, or any of them, to choose one fit and proper person, from among the Inhabitants of such Divisions respectively, to be Clerk of the Parish, or Township, or reputed Parish or Township, in which such election shall be had; and it shall be the duty of the Clerk so elected, to make and preserve minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the local division aforesaid, for which he shall be Clerk as aforesaid, and to transcribe the same in a Book, to be kept for that purpose, in which shall be entered and recorded all matters relating to such local division, which it shall appertain to his office to record; and the said Clerk shall have the custody of all records, books, documents, and papers belonging to the local division of which he shall be Clerk as aforesaid.

X. And be it further ordained and enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said Inhabitant Householders, or the greater part of them, assembled and qualified as aforesaid, within the local divisions aforesaid, or any of them, in like manner, to choose, from among the inhabitants of such divisions, respectively, three fit and proper persons, to serve the office of Assessors, for such local divisions respectively, who shall assess all such rates and taxes, as shall be imposed by any act or acts of the Legislature of this Province, or by other competent authority, and be payable by the inhabitants thereof: and in like manner to choose one fit and proper person, to be Collector for the Parish or Township, or reputed Parish or Township, in which the said Inhabitant House-holders shall be assembled as aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of such Collector, to demand and receive, from the Inhabitant House-holders of the local division for which he shall have been elected Collector as aforesaid, all public assessments and rates, due and payable within such division; and he shall account for, and pay over, the monies so received by him, in such manner as shall be directed by law: and it shall be lawful for the said Inhabitant Householders, in like manner, to choose one or more fit and proper persons, to be Surveyor or Surveyors of Highways and Bridges, two or more Overseers of Highways, one or more fit and proper persons, to be Overseers of the Poor, two or more Fence-viewers and Inspectors of Drains, and one or more Pound-keeper or Pound-keepers, within the said local divisions, respectively. Provided always, that it shall be lawful to elect the same person or persons, to fill one or more of the said offices of Overseer of the Poor, Overseer of Highways, and Fence-viewer and Inspector of Drains, at the same time, as to the majority of the said Householders, assembled and qualified as aforesaid, shall seem expedient.

XI. And be it further ordained and enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Justice of the Peace, or other person, presiding at any such meeting of the Inhabitant Householders, as aforesaid, at which the officers aforesaid shall have been elected, and such Justice or other person is hereby authorized and required, to administer an Oath of Office, to each of the persons so elected as aforesaid, to the effect following, to wit:—"You, A. B., do promise and swear, that you will faithfully, diligently, and justly serve and perform the office and duties of _____, for _____ according to the best of your ability.—So help you God." And every person, who shall be elected to one of the offices aforesaid, shall, after having taken the said Oath, be held to be legally appointed to such office, and subject to the duties thereof.