

bly shall continue for four years from the day of the return of the writs for choosing the same and no longer, subject nevertheless to be sooner prorogued or dissolved by the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of the Province, or person administering his Majesty's Government therein.

and all questions therein to be decided by the majority of votes.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all questions which shall arise in the said Legislative Councils or Assemblies respectively shall be decided by the majority of voices of such members as shall be present; and that in all cases where the voices shall be equal, the Speaker of such Council or Assembly, as the case shall be, shall have a casting voice.

No member to sit or vote till he has taken the following

XXIX. Provided always, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no members, either of the Legislative Council or Assembly, in either of the said provinces, shall be permitted to sit or to vote therein, until he shall have taken and subscribed the following Oath, either before the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of such province, or person administering the Government therein, or before some person or persons authorized by the said Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or other person as aforesaid, to administer such oath, and that the same shall be administered in the English or French language, as the case shall require:

Oath.

I A. B. do sincerely promise and swear, That I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George, as lawful Sovereign of the Kingdom of Great Britain, and of these Provinces dependent on and belonging to the said Kingdom; and that I will defend him to the utmost of my power, against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts whatever which shall be made against his Person, Crown and Dignity; and that I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to his Majesty, his heirs or successors, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies and attempts which I shall know to be against him, or any of them: and all this I do swear without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation, and renouncing all pardons and dispensations from any person or power whatever to the contrary.
So help me GOD.

Governor may give or withhold His Majesty's assent to Bills passed by the Legislative Council & Assembly, or reserve them for his Majesty's pleasure.

XXX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever any Bill which has been passed by the Legislative Council, and by the house of Assembly, in either of the said provinces respectively, shall be presented, for his Majesty's assent, to the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of such province, or to the person administering his Majesty's Government therein, such Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, shall, and he is hereby authorized and required to declare, according to his discretion, but subject nevertheless to the provisions contained in this Act, and to such instructions as may from time to time be given in that behalf by his Majesty, his heirs or successors, that he assents to such Bill, in His Majesty's Name, or that he withholds His Majesty's Assent from such Bill, or that he reserves such Bill for the signification of his Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Governor to transmit to the Secretary of State Copies of such Bills as have been assented to, which His Majesty in Council may de-

XXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever any Bill, which shall have been so presented for his Majesty's Assent to such Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, shall, by such Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, have been assented to in his Majesty's name, such Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person as aforesaid, shall and he is hereby required, by the first convenient