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or their sign manual, to authorize the governor or lieutenant-governor of each of the said provinces respectively, or the person administering the government therein, within the time hereinafter mentioned, to issue a proclamation dividing such province into districts, counties, or circles, and towns or townships, and appointing the limits thereof, and declaring and appointing the number of representatives to be chosen by each of such districts, or counties, or circles, and towns or townships respectively; and that it shall also be lawful for his Majesty, his heirs or successors, to authorize such governor or lieutenant-governor, or person administering the government, from time to time to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the office of returning officer in each of the said districts, or counties, or circles, and towns or townships respectively; and that such division of the said provinces into districts, or counties, or circles, and towns or townships, and such declaration or appointment of the number of representatives to be chosen by each of the said districts, or counties, or circles, and towns or townships, respectively, and also such nomination and appointment of returning officers in the same, shall be valid and effectual to all the purposes of this Act, 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.

XV. *Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the provision herein before contained, for empowering the governor, lieutenant-governor, or person administering the government of the said provinces respectively, under such authority as aforesaid from his Majesty, his heirs or successors, from time to time, to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the office of returning officer in the said districts, counties, circles, and towns or townships, shall remain and continue in force in each of the said provinces respectively, for the term of two years, from and after the commencement of this Act, within such province, and no longer; but subject nevertheless to be sooner repealed or varied by an Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the province, assented to by his Majesty, his heirs or successors.