

ten o'clock in the forenoon close the poll, and declare such candidate or candidates to be duly elected: If no vote shall be polled or offered during any one hour after twelve o'clock, the presiding officer shall close the poll at the expiration of such hour, and proceed to ascertain and examine the votes and declare the persons elected, in the manner hereinbefore directed.

21. Every officer holding any such elections shall be a peace officer on that occasion, and shall have power and authority to maintain order and preserve the peace, and all persons are required to aid and assist him therein, and every person neglecting or refusing to give such aid and assistance when thereunto required, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and if any person shall disturb the peace and order at any such election, or in anywise interrupt the poll or the business thereof, or wilfully obstruct or threaten any person coming to vote, the presiding officer may on view, or on oath of one credible witness, (which oath the said officer is hereby empowered to administer,) forthwith order such person into custody, or commit him to prison by warrant in writing, directed to the Sheriff or his Deputy, or to any Constable within the City, which warrant shall be forthwith obeyed under a penalty not exceeding ten pounds; such restraint or imprisonment shall not continue more than forty eight hours after the close of the poll, and the person so guilty of such disorderly conduct or of disturbing or interrupting the poll, shall be liable, notwithstanding such restraint and imprisonment, to be otherwise prosecuted and punished as if no such arrest had been made.

22. The presiding officer shall immediately after the election make a return to the City Clerk of the name or names of the persons declared by him duly elected; and in case of the election of Mayor, a certificate of such election, under the hand of the City Clerk, shall be forthwith transmitted to the Office of the Provincial Secretary.

23. The poll lists kept at every election, and the receipts delivered in by the electors, shall on the day next after such election, (unless such be Sunday, Christmas Day, or Good Friday, and then on the day next thereafter,) be delivered by the presiding officers to the City Clerk, to remain in his office, where they shall be open for inspection to any elector on the payment of one shilling.