

ing; and at the termination of the balloting, he shall, in like manner, declare the number of votes for each candidate, and shall cause a copy of the same, signed by himself, to be forwarded to the returning officer of the district, and another copy to the clerk of the parish.

V. That the deputy returning officer receive for his services the sum of three guineas, to be paid by the parish clerk on the day of election.—See Penalties.

THE PARISH CLERK, HIS DUTIES.

I. Be it enacted, that the parish clerk for the time being, in every parish throughout the kingdom, is hereby appointed a registration officer according to this Act; provided always, that he has not been objected to by the returning officer, or that his parish has not been united with others, according to the provisions of this Act, in which case the parishioners of the united parishes shall determine who shall be the parish clerk, for the purposes of registration.

II. That for the purpose of obtaining a correct registration of the voters in each electoral district, the parish clerk of every parish in such district, shall, on the first of February in each year, give notice, by means of a bill printed in legible characters, that all persons claiming to be registered as voters, in the parish of _____ in the district of _____ shall personally attend his office for that purpose, on any day on or before the first of March, between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning and seven in the evening, but not after; the said notice to be stuck up as hereafter mentioned.

III. That the parish clerk receive all claims of registration and lodgers' certificates in writing, and shall file the same till after the final adjudication of the returning officer. He shall question all claimants respecting their age, time of residence, and, if necessary, of all conditions required by this Act, and grant or refuse a voter's certificate according to the provisions of this Act, and not otherwise.

IV. That on or before the 8th of March, in each year, the parish clerk shall cause to be made out an alphabetical list of all persons within his parish who have claimed to be registered, and he shall place the words "objected to" opposite the names of those to whom he has refused a voter's certificate, or who have been objected to by any other person, in the manner herein after-mentioned, and shall cause such list to be stuck against all church and chapel doors, market-houses, town-halls, session-houses, and such other conspicuous places as he may deem necessary, from the 8th of March till the 22d. He shall also cause a copy of such list to lie at his office, to be perused by any person, without a fee, at all reasonable hours; and copies of the said list shall be sold to the public at a reasonably low price.

V. That on or before the 25th of March, the parish clerk take, or cause to be taken, a copy of the aforesaid list of voters to the returning officer of his district, which list shall be presented on the oath of the parish clerk, as a just and impartial list, according to his judgment, of all persons within his parish, who are eligible according to their claims, as directed by the provisions of this Act.

VI. That the remuneration to the parish clerk for his services be determined by the parochial authorities.—See Penalties.

ARRANGEMENT FOR REGISTRATION.

I. Be it enacted, that every man qualified as aforesaid, and desirous of being placed on the register of voters, shall present to the clerk of the parish his claim in the following form:—

"I, John Jones, carpenter, residing at _____ in the district of _____ being of the full age of 21 years, and having resided at the place above-written during the last three months, and am still there resident, require to be placed on the register as a qualified elector for the said district."

II. That if the person so claiming to be put upon the register shall not have resided in the same tenement during the last three months, but in some other tenement or tenements within the electoral district, the name or names, or other description of the tenement, must be inserted in the claim to be placed upon the register.

III. That if the person so claiming be a lodger or inmate, he must, in addition to his claim, bring with him to the parish clerk a certificate or certificates, of three months' residence in the district, in the following form:—

"I, A. B. residing at _____ in the district of _____ do hereby certify that John Jones has resided at my house, as my (lodger or inmate) from the _____ to the _____ day of _____ (or during the last three months, as the case may be.)"

IV. That every person, on making application to have his name inserted on the register, shall answer to such questions as the parish clerk may think proper to put respecting his having attained the age of twenty-one years, his residence and occupation; and the clerk shall have the power to refuse to insert the name of the applicant on the register, unless he satisfactorily answer such questions.

V. That upon the claim of the applicant being admitted, his name, residence, and occupation, be entered on the register, opposite the first vacant number, in the presence of the said applicant, and the parish clerk shall give him a voter's certificate in the following form:—

"No. 123. This is to certify, that John Jones of _____ is eligible to vote for one person to be returned to Parliament (as well as for the returning officer) for the district of _____ for one year, from the date hereof.
"Dated _____

"Parish Clerk."

VI. That upon the claim of the applicant being refused, his name, residence, and occupation, shall be entered in another book (properly made) by the parish clerk, and opposite his name the reasons for such refusal shall be briefly stated. This book shall be produced by the parish clerk when the case is adjudicated by the returning officer.

VII. That if an elector of any parish in the district have any just grounds for believing that any person disqualified by this Act, has been put upon any parish register within the said district, he may, at any reasonable hour, between the 1st and the 20th day of March, cause the following notices to be delivered, one at the residence of the parish clerk, and the other at the residence of the person objected to:—

"To the Parish Clerk.
"I, William Smith, elector of the parish of _____ in the district of _____ object to A. B. being on the register of voters, believing him to be disqualified.
"Dated this day," &c.

"To the person objected to.
"Mr A. B. of _____ I, William Smith, elector of the parish of _____ in the district of _____ object to your name being on the register of voters, and will state my reasons before the returning officer of the district.
"Dated this day," &c.

VIII. That if the person thus objecting neglects to attend the court of the returning officer at the proper time to state his objections, he shall be fined ten shillings for every such neglect, the same to be levied on his goods and chattels, providing he is not prevented from attending by sickness or accident, in which case his medical certificate, or a certificate signed by ten voters certifying such fact, shall be forwarded to the returning officer, who shall then determine whether the claim to be put on the register be allowed or not.

IX. That if the person objected to fails to attend the court of the returning officer at the proper time to substantiate his claim, his name shall be erased from the register, provided he is not prevented from attending by sickness or accident, in which case a certificate shall be forwarded, and the returning officer shall determine, as before directed.

X. That if the claim of the person who has been objected to be allowed by the returning officer, the parish clerk shall at once give to such person a voter's certificate.