

# DIRECTIONS

FROM

## THE REFORM ACT FOR SCOTLAND,

2. and 3. WILL. IV. cap. 65.

*Relative to the arrangements for Polling, and procedure at Elections for Cities, Burghs, and Towns.*

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### I.—Day of Election.

Within three days after receiving the Writ, the Sheriff shall announce a day, not less than ten, nor more than sixteen days, for the Election; and shall give due notice thereof by printed or written notices affixed on the doors of the parish churches of the city, and also, where he thinks this expedient, by advertisement in the newspapers in the district. § 28.

### II.—Order of proceeding at Elections for Cities, Burghs, or Towns.

On the day and hour appointed by the Sheriff for the Election of the shire, or for any town or district of burghs, he is directed to proclaim the writ at the market cross or some convenient place at the county town, or at the town or burgh where the writ for the district is appointed to be read. Any voter after producing an extract of his registration, and taking the oath in Schedule I., if required, may then put any qualified person in nomination. If only one candidate be proposed, he is, on a show of hands, to be declared duly elected; if more than one be proposed, and a poll be demanded, the proceedings are adjourned by the Sheriff for not more than three free days, exclusive of Saturday and Sunday, to arrange for the polling. § 30.

To avoid the risk of any undue influence on the part of government from the presence of a military force, it is enacted by 8 Geo. II. c. 30, that all soldiers quartered in a place where an election is to be made must move from it, at least one day before the election, to the distance of two miles or more, and return not till one day after the election is finished. This statute does not extend to the city of Westminster or borough of Southwark, in respect to his Majesty's Guards; nor to any place where the King or Royal Family reside at the time, in respect to such troops as attend as guards; nor to any castle or fortified place, where a garrison is usually kept in respect to such garrison.

### IV.—The Polling and Return.

#### 1. *Officers to be appointed by the Sheriffs.*

All polls shall be taken both at elections for shires, and for cities, burghs, and towns, under the superintendence of the sheriff, or of