

XI. That if any person lose his voter's certificate by fire, or any other accident, which does not depend on his own negligence, and wish such certificate to be renewed, he shall produce an affidavit of his loss to the parish clerk of the district in which he has registered, who is hereby empowered to renew or withhold such certificate according to his judgment of the case.

XII. That the returning officer is hereby authorised and commanded to attach any small parishes to any adjacent parish within his district, for the purposes of this Act, and not otherwise; and in like manner to unite all extra parochial places to some adjacent parish.—See *Penalties*.

ARRANGEMENT FOR NOMINATIONS.

I. Be it enacted, that for the purpose of guarding against too great a number of candidates, who might otherwise be heedlessly proposed, as well as for giving time for the electors to inquire into the merits of the persons who may be nominated for Members of Parliament, as well as for returning officers, all nominations be taken as herein after-directed.

II. That for all general elections of Members of Parliament, a requisition of the following form, signed by at least 100 qualified electors of the district, be delivered to the returning officer of the district between the 1st and the 10th day of May in each year; and that such requisition constitute the nomination of such person as a candidate for the district.

"We the undersigned electors of the district of _____ recommend A. B. of _____ as a fit and proper person to represent the people of this district in the Commons' House of Parliament, the said A. B. being a qualified elector of these realms.

"Dated," &c.

(Signed)

III. That the returning officer of every electoral district shall, on or before the 15th of May in each year, cause a list of all the candidates thus nominated to be sent up against all church and chapel doors, market-houses, town-halls, session-houses, and such other conspicuous places within his district, as he may deem necessary.

IV. That whenever a vacancy is occasioned in any district, by the death, resignation, or other cause, of the Member of Parliament, the returning officer of that district shall, within three days after the receipt of his orders from the Secretary of State, give notice thereof in all the parishes of his district in the manner described for giving notices, and he shall, at the same time, request all nominations to be made as aforesaid within ten days from the receipt of his order, and shall also appoint the day of election within fourteen days from the receipt of such order from the Secretary of State.

V. That if, from any circumstance, no person has been nominated as a Member for the district on or before the 10th of May, persons may then be nominated in the manner described as aforesaid, at any time previous to the 20th of May, but not otherwise.

VI. That at the first election after the passing of this Act, and at the expiration of every three succeeding years, the nomination of candidates for the returning officer be made in the same manner as for Members of Parliament, and nominations for vacancies that may occur in like manner.

VII. That if two or more persons are nominated as aforesaid for Members to serve in Parliament for the district, the returning officer shall, at any time between the 15th and 31st of May (Sundays excepted) appoint such times and places (not exceeding _____) as he shall think most convenient to the electors of the district, for the candidates to appear before them at mid-day, then and there to explain their views, and solicit the suffrages of the electors.

VIII. That the returning officer see that the places above described be convenient for the purpose, and that

as many such erections be put up as may be necessary; the same to be paid by the returning officer, and charged in his account to the Treasury.

IX. That for the purpose of keeping good order and public decorum, the returning officer either take the chair at such meetings himself, or appoint a deputy for that purpose.

X. That provided only one candidate be proposed for a Member of Parliament for the district by the time herein beforementioned, the returning officer cause notice to be given as herein aftermentioned, that such candidate is elected a Member for the district; and if only one candidate be proposed for the returning officer, he shall in like manner, be declared duly elected.—See *Penalties*.

ARRANGEMENT FOR ELECTIONS.

I. Be it enacted, that a general election of Members of Parliament, for all the electoral districts of the United Kingdom, take place on the first Monday in June in each year; and that all vacancies by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled up as nearly as possible within sixteen days after they occur.

II. That a general election of returning officers for all the districts take place at the expiration of every three years on the first Monday in June, and at the same time that the Members of Parliament are to be elected; and that all vacancies be filled up, as nearly as possible, within sixteen days after they occur.

III. That every person who has been registered as aforesaid, and who has a voter's certificate, shall have the right of voting in the district in which he has been registered, and in that only, and of voting for the Member of Parliament for that district, and the returning officer for that district, and for those only.

IV. That for the purpose of taking the votes of the qualified electors, the parish officers in every parish of the district (or in every two parishes, if united for that purpose) shall cause proper places to be provided, so as to admit of the arrangements described in Schedule A; and so constructed (either permanently or temporarily, as they may think proper) that the votes may be taken with due despatch, and so as to secure the elector, while voting, from being inspected by any other person.

V. That the parish officers of every parish in the district provide a sufficient number of balloting boxes, made after a model described in Schedule B, (or made on one plan by persons appointed to make them, as was the case with weights and measures,) and none but such boxes, duly certified, shall be used.

VI. That immediately preceding the commencement of the balloting, each ballot-box shall be opened by the deputy returning officer (or otherwise examined, as the case may be) in the presence of an agent appointed by each candidate, and shall then be sealed by him and by the agents of the candidates, and not again be opened until the balloting has finally closed, when notice shall be given to such of the agents of the candidates as may then be present to attend to the opening of the boxes, and ascertaining the number of votes for each candidate.

VII. That the deputy returning officer preside in the front of the ballot-box, and see that the balloting is conducted with strict impartiality and justice; and that the various clerks, assistants, and parish constables, properly perform their respective duties, and that strict order and decorum be preserved among the friends of the candidates, as well as among all persons employed in conducting the election; and he is hereby authorised and empowered to cause all persons to be taken into custody who interrupt the proceedings of the election, seek to contravene the provisions of this Act, or fail to obey his lawful authority.

VIII. That during the time the balloting is going on two agents of each candidate may be in the space fronting