CAP. LXXXVIII.

An Act to amend the Representation of the People of *Ireland*. [7th *August* 1832.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the Elective Franchise to many of His Majesty's Subjects in *Ireland* who have not heretofore enjoyed the same, and to increase the Number of Representatives for certain Cities and Boroughs in that Part of the United Kingdom, and to diminish the Expences of Elections therein;' be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, in addition to the Persons now by Law qualified to vote at the Election of Knights of the Shire for the several Counties in *Ireland*, every Male Person of full Age, and not subject to any legal Incapacity, who shall be entitled, either as Lessee or Assignee, to any Lands or Tenements, whether of Freehold or of any other Tenure whatever, for the unexpired Residue, whatever it may be, of any Term originally created for a Period of not less than Sixty Years, whether determinable on a Life or Lives or not, and having a beneficial Interest therein of the clear yearly Value of not less than Ten Pounds over and above all Rent and Charges, or for the unexpired Residue, whatever it may be, of any Term originally created for a Period of not less than Fourteen Years, whether determinable on a Life or Lives or not, and having a beneficial Interest therein of the clear yearly Value of not less than Twenty Pounds over and above all Rent and Charges, or for the unexpired Residue, whatever it may be, of any Term originally created for a Period of not less than Twenty Years, and having a beneficial Interest therein of the clear yearly Value of not less than Ten Pounds over and above all Rent and Charges, shall be entitled to vote in the Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire for the County in which such Lands or Tenements shall respectively be situate: Provided always, that no Person, being such Lessee or Assignee of such Term of Twenty Years, and no Person, being only a Sub-lessee, or the Assignee of any Underlease, shall have a Right to vote in respect of any such Term of Sixty Years, or Fourteen or Twenty Years, as aforesaid, unless he shall be in the actual Occupation of the Premises; and provided also, that any Renewal or new Lease of the same Premises, for the same Rent and for a Term not less than such original Term, shall for the Purposes of this Act be deemed to be a Continuance of the same Qualification as aforesaid.

Right of voting in Counties at large extended to Leaseholders;

II. And be it enacted, That every Male Person of full Age, and not subject to any legal Incapacity, who shall be seised at Law or in Equity of any Lands or Tenements of Copyhold Tenure, for his Life, or for the Life of another, or for any Lives whatsoever, or for any larger Estate, of the clear yearly Value of not less than Ten Pounds over and above all Rents and Charges payable out of or in respect of the same, shall be entitled to vote in the Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire to serve in any future Parliament for

and to Copyholders.

for the County in which such Lands or Tenements shall be respectively situate.

Not to affect present Voters in Counties.

III. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall take away or in any Manner affect the Rights of voting for Knights of the Shire at present enjoyed by or which may hereafter accrue to any Person by virtue of any Law now in force, except so far as herein specially provided.

No Vote out of Tenements in a County which give a Right to vote in a City, Town, or Borough.

IV. And be it enacted, That notwithstanding any thing herein contained no Person shall be entitled to vote in the Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire to serve in any future Parliament in respect of his Estate or Interest in any House, Warehouse, Counting-house, or Shop occupied by himself, or in any Land occupied by himself together with any House, Warehouse, Counting-house, or Shop, such House, Warehouse, Counting-house, or Shop being, either separately, or jointly with the Land so occupied therewith, of such Value as would, according to the Provisions herein-after contained, confer on him the Right of voting for any City, Town, or Borough, whether he shall or shall not have actually acquired the Right to vote for such City, Town, or Borough in respect thereof.

Right of voting in Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns:

V. And be it enacted, That in every City or Town, being a County of a City or County of a Town by itself, and which shall return a Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament, in addition to the Persons now by Law qualified to vote at the Election of such Member or Members, every Male Person of full Age, and not subject to any legal Incapacity, who shall be seised at Law or in Equity of any Freehold Estate in any Lands or Tenements within such City or Town, and shall be in the actual Occupation thereof, and who shall have a beneficial Interest therein of the clear yearly Value of Ten Pounds at the least above all Rent and Charges payable out of the same, or who shall hold as Lessee or Assignee any Lands or Tenements within such City or Town, for such Term, of such Value, and subject to such Provisions as would under this Act, if such Lands or Tenements were situate in a County at large without the Limits of such City or Town, entitle such Person to register his Vote for such County, or who shall hold and occupy within such City or Town, as Tenant or Owner, any House, Warehouse, Counting-house, or Shop, which, either separately, or jointly with any Land within such City or Town occupied therewith by him as Tenant under the same Landlord, or occupied therewith by him as Owner, shall be *bonâ fide* of the clear yearly Value of not less than Ten Pounds, shall, if duly registered according to the Provisions of this Act, be entitled to vote in the Election of a Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament for such City or Town: Provided always, that no such Occupier as last above mentioned shall be admitted to be registered under this Act unless he shall have occupied such Premises as aforesaid for Six Calendar Months next previous to the Time of his Registry, nor unless such Occupier shall have paid or discharged all such Grand Jury and Municipal Cesses, Rates, and Taxes, if any, as shall have become legally due and payable by him in respect of such Premises, over and above and except One Half Year's Amount of such Cesses, Rates, and Taxes aforesaid.

10*l.* Freeholders;

20*l.* Leaseholders.

10*l.* Householders.

No Freehold of less than 10*l.* yearly Value to give a Vote in a City or Town;

VI. And be it enacted, That from and after the Commencement of this Act no Person, save as herein is provided, shall be registered or admitted to vote as a Freeholder at any Election of any Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament for any County of a City or County of a Town in *Ireland*, unless such Person shall have an Estate of Freehold in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in such County of a City or County of a Town, of the clear yearly Value of Ten Pounds at the least above all Charges, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall prevent any Person now being a Forty-shilling Freeholder entitled to register as such from retaining (so long as he shall continue to be seised of the same Lands or Tenements) the Right of voting in such Election in respect thereof, if duly registered according to the Provisions of this Act.

saving of registered 40*s.* Freeholders now entitled to vote.

Right of voting in Boroughs to be enjoyed by Occupiers of Houses, &c. of the annual Value of 10*l.*

VII. And be it enacted, That at all Elections of a Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament for any City, Town, or Borough in *Ireland*, not being a County in itself, every Male Person of full Age, and not subject to any legal Incapacity, and duly registered according to the Provisions of this Act, who shall hold and occupy within such City, Town, or Borough, as Tenant or Owner, any House, Warehouse, Counting-house, or Shop, which, either separately, or jointly with any Land within such City, Town, or Borough occupied therewith by him as Tenant under the same Landlord, or occupied therewith by him as Owner, shall be *bonâ fide* of the clear yearly Value of not less than Ten Pounds, shall be entitled to vote in the Choice of a Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament for such City, Town, or Borough; provided always, that no such Occupier as last aforesaid shall be admitted to be registered under this Act unless he shall have occupied such Premises as aforesaid for Six Calendar Months next previous to the Time of Registry, nor unless such Occupier shall have paid or discharged all such Grand Jury and Municipal Cesses, Rates, and Taxes, if any, as shall have become legally due and payable by him in respect of such Premises, over and above and except One Half Year's Amount of such Cesses, Rates, and Taxes aforesaid.

In what Case only a Freehold under 10*l.* Value is to give a Vote.

VIII. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That notwithstanding any thing herein-before contained, no Person shall be entitled to vote in the Election of a Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament, for any City or Town, or County of a City or Town, in respect of any Estate or Interest in any Freehold under the yearly Value of Ten Pounds which shall have been acquired by such Person since the First Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, unless the same shall have come to or been acquired by such Person since that Day, and previously to the passing of this Act, by Descent, Succession, Marriage, Marriage Settlement, Devise, or Promotion to any Benefice in a Church, or by Promotion to any Office.

Saving for Freemen now entitled to vote while resident.

IX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all Freemen, Freeholders, and Persons who by reason of any Corporate or other Right are now by Law entitled to vote at the Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for any City, Town, or Borough, and all Persons who, by reason of Birth, Marriage, or Service,

Service, or of any Statute now in force, shall be at any Time hereafter admitted to their Freedom in any City, Town, or Borough sending a Member or Members to Parliament, shall, after such Registration as is directed by this Act, but so long only as they shall reside within the said City, Town, or Borough, or within Seven Statute Miles of the usual Place of Election therein, have and enjoy such Right of voting as fully and in like Manner as if this Act had not been passed: Provided further, that no Persons who since the Thirtieth Day of *March* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one have been or hereafter shall be admitted as Honorary Freemen shall be entitled by virtue of such Admission to vote or register as Freemen under this Act.

Taxes and Rates not to be deemed a Charge payable out of an Estate.

X. And be it further enacted, That no Public or Parliamentary Tax, County, Church, or Parish Cess or Rate, or any Cess or Rate upon any Townland, or Division of any Parish, Barony, or Half Barony, shall be deemed a Charge payable out of any Estate or Tenement within the Meaning of this Act.

Additional Members.

XI. And be it enacted, That the City of *Limerick*, the City of *Waterford*, the Borough of *Belfast*, the County of the Town of *Galway*, and the University of *Dublin* shall each respectively return One Member to serve in each future Parliament, in addition to the Member which each of the said Places is now by Law entitled to return.

Boundaries of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs defined.

XII. And be it enacted, That each of the Cities, Towns, and Boroughs returning a Member or Members to serve in Parliament shall for the Purposes of this Act include the Place or Places respectively which shall be comprehended within the Boundaries of each of the said Cities, Towns, and Boroughs respectively, as such Boundaries shall be settled by an Act to be passed for that Purpose in this present Parliament, which Act, when passed, shall be deemed and taken to be Part of this Act as fully and effectually as if the same were incorporated herewith: Provided always, that until the passing of said last-mentioned Act all such Cities, Towns, and Boroughs shall for the Purposes of this Act be deemed and taken to be comprehended within the same Limits and Boundaries as before the passing of this Act.

No unregistered Person to vote.

XIII. And be it enacted, That no Person shall be admitted to vote at any Election of a Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament for any County, City, Town, or Borough in *Ireland*, the University of *Dublin* excepted, unless such Person shall have been qualified as aforesaid, and duly registered under this Act; and that no Person shall be so registered in respect of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, unless he shall have been in the actual Possession thereof, or in Receipt of the Rents, Issues, or Profits thereof, for his own Use, as the Case may require, for Six Calendar Months next previous to his Registry under this Act: Provided always, that when any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which would otherwise entitle the Owner, Holder, or Possessor thereof to vote in any such Election, shall come to any Person, at any Time within Six Months next before such Registry, by Descent, Succession, Marriage Settlement, Devise, or Promotion to any Benefice or Office, such Person shall be entitled in respect thereof to be registered as a Voter at the Registry for such County, City, Town, and Borough respectively then next to be had by virtue of this Act.

Six Months Possession required before Registry.

Exception as to Property coming by Descent, &c.

A Special Session for registering Voters to be holden for each County, City, Town, and Borough, at such Days and Places as the Lord Lieutenant shall appoint.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That after the Commencement of this Act a Special Session, for the Purpose of registering Votes for each County, City, Town, and Borough in *Ireland* having the Right to send a Member or Members to Parliament (the Borough of the University of *Dublin* only excepted), shall be holden in each such County by and before the Assistant Barrister or Chairman of such County, and in each such City, Town, and Borough respectively by and before the Assistant Barristers in the Schedule (A.) hereunto annexed mentioned, on such Day or Days and at such Places respectively as the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* shall appoint; and the Clerk of the Peace in and for each such County, City, Town, and Borough, or his Deputy, shall, Thirty Days at the least before the Day respectively so appointed, cause to be posted, in conspicuous Places within each such County, City, Town, and Borough respectively, Notices that such Session for the Purposes of registering the Names of Voters under this Act for such County, City, Town, or Borough will be held on the Days and at the Places so appointed, and that Applications for that Purpose will be then and there taken into consideration.

Notice thereof by Clerk of the Peace.

Notice to be given to Clerk of the Peace of Intention to register.

XV. And be it enacted, That every Person intending to apply at such Session to be registered as a Voter for any County, City, Town, or Borough shall, Twenty clear Days at the least before the first Day appointed for holding such Sessions respectively, give or cause to be given a Notice in Writing of such his Intention to the Clerk of the Peace, or his Deputy, acting for such County, City, Town, or Borough, or to the High Constable of the Barony within which the Property to be registered is situate; and the High Constable shall without Delay transmit all Notices so given to him to the Clerk of the Peace; and such Person so intending to register shall in such Notice state his Name and Residence, the Right in respect of which he intends to apply, and the Nature of the Qualification relied upon by him as entitling him to be so registered; and such Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy shall thereupon enter all such Notices according to the Order in which he shall receive them, and shall, Ten Days at least before the Day appointed for holding such Session, cause alphabetical Lists of such Voters to be printed and circulated, and to be posted in conspicuous Places throughout such County, City, Town, or Borough; and no such List shall be liable to any Stamp Duty.

Proceedings at the Special Sessions.

XVI. And be it enacted, That at such Special Session the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy shall call the Names of the Persons contained in such List in alphabetical Order, and shall again Twice at the least during such Sessions call over the Names of all such Persons as did not appear upon such first Calling, and that each Claimant's Case shall be heard in the Order of his Appearance; and each Person so called shall produce in open Court the Deed, Lease, or Instrument, if any, duly stamped, by virtue of which he shall claim a Right to be registered, or shall, by his own Oath, or otherwise as the Assistant Barrister shall require, sufficiently account for the Non-production thereof; or if he shall not claim by virtue of a Deed, Lease, or Instrument, or is disabled from producing such Deed, Lease, or Instrument, then such Person shall otherwise establish his Right to be registered as such Voter, pursuant to his

said Notice, according to the Provisions of this Act; and such Person, if claiming as a Freeholder or Leaseholder or Householder, shall also make it appear that the Property in respect of which he seeks to be so registered is of the Value and Nature by this Act prescribed, and that he is otherwise duly qualified to be registered according to the Provisions of this Act: Provided always, that no Person shall be bound to produce the Title Deeds of any Landlord under whom he may hold or derive, or make Proof of such Title, and that Possession and Perception of Rent shall be deemed *primâ facie* Evidence of such Landlord's Title.

Assistant Barrister to investigate Claims to register.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the Assistant Barrister or Chairman shall inspect and examine every Deed, Lease, or Instrument so produced, and shall investigate the Claim made thereunder, or otherwise to be registered, and shall determine upon the Validity or Invalidity of such Claim, and shall and may examine and inquire, as well by the Oaths of the Claimants as by any other Evidence offered in support of or in opposition to such Claim, whether such Claimant is or is not to be registered as a Voter for the County, City, Town, or Borough to which his Claim shall relate, and in case of any Claim in respect of the Freehold, Leasehold, or Household Property, whether the same be of the Value and Nature respectively hereby prescribed and required, and shall also inquire, by any of the Means aforesaid, as he shall think fit, into the Truth of the several Particulars required by the Provisions of this Act, or required to be stated in any Oath by such Claimant hereinafter prescribed to be taken for such Registry.

Who may oppose a Claim to register.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be received as the Opposer of any Claimant to register at such Sessions who shall not be himself either a registered Voter for such County, City, Town, or Borough, or a Person who has served a Notice to register as a Voter at the same Sessions, or some Counsel, Attorney, or Agent duly authorized by such Voter or Claimant to appear for him or on his Behalf.

If the Assistant Barrister adjudge the Claimant entitled, he shall take the Oath or Affirmation hereby prescribed.

XIX. And be it enacted, That if such Assistant Barrister or Chairman shall deem such Claimant to be entitled under this Act to be registered as a Voter for the County, City, Town, or Borough to which his Claim shall relate, and not be subject to any legal Disqualification, such Barrister or Chairman shall so declare and adjudge; and the Person so declared entitled shall verify his Title by Affidavit, and shall take and subscribe (as the Case may be) the Oath stated in the Schedule (C.) to this Act annexed, instead of any Oath or Oaths which by the Law now in being he would be liable to take or subscribe.

Affidavit of Registry to be signed by the Assistant Barrister, and to be filed of Record.

XX. And be it enacted, That every such Affidavit shall be signed by the Barrister or Chairman before whom the same shall be taken, and shall be by him delivered to the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy, as the Case may be, to be filed and kept amongst the Records of the County, City, Town, or Borough; and such Barrister is hereby required to take care that such Oath shall be agreeable to the Form hereby prescribed, or as near thereto as may be; and no Objection in point of Form shall at any Time hereafter be allowed to any such Oath, when signed.

If Claimant not entitled to register, Assistant Barrister shall

XXI. And be it enacted, That in case it shall appear to such Barrister or Chairman that any Person claiming to be registered

so adjudge, and set forth the Objection.

as a Voter for any County, City, Town, or Borough is not entitled so to be registered, such Barrister or Chairman shall refuse to permit such Person to be registered, and shall make an Order accordingly; and when such Refusal shall be on the Ground of Insufficiency of Value, the Order of Refusal shall state such Insufficiency as the Ground of such Order, or otherwise shall state the Objection by reason whereof the Claimant has been adjudged not to be entitled to be registered: Provided always, that such Order shall be without Prejudice to any future Application to be registered which the Person so rejected shall think fit to make at any subsequent General Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

Production of Certificate of Registry under existing Law to entitle Claimant to Certificate under this Act, without Oath or further Evidence.

XXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That a Certificate of Registry made pursuant to the Laws in force in *Ireland* previous to the passing of this Act shall be deemed and taken to be *primâ facie* Evidence of the Right to be registered; and that any Person, having given Notice of his Intention to register as by this Act required, shall, upon producing or causing to be produced such Certificate at the Session for that Purpose to be held, be entitled and admitted to register his Vote and obtain his Certificate under this Act, without further Proof or Oath, unless Cause to the contrary shall appear, and without any Fee or Charge; and in Cases where a Certificate of Registry shall not be produced, or in case it shall appear expedient, it shall be lawful for the Assistant Barrister or Chairman presiding at the Sessions to be holden for the Purpose of registering Votes under this Act to refer to any original Affidavit or Affirmation, or Transcript or Record thereof, or any Entry thereof in the Book or Books which by virtue of the Laws now in force in *Ireland* the Clerks of the Peace or Town Clerks throughout *Ireland* are authorized or required to make or keep; and in case the said Assistant Barrister or Chairman shall be satisfied, on Inspection thereof, that such Affirmations or Affidavits or Entries are correct, it shall not be necessary for him further to inquire into the Right of voting claimed thereunder, but he shall and may direct and allow the same to be registered, and the Claimant to have his Certificate under this Act, without Oath or further Proof, unless Cause to the contrary shall appear, and without any Fee or Charge.

40*s.* and 5*l.* Householders to give Proof of Qualification, if required.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Forty-shilling Freeholders and Five-pound Householders claiming a Right to be registered under this Act shall appear in person before the Assistant Barrister at the Sessions, to be examined on Oath by such Barrister touching such their Claim to be registered, and they shall, if required by such Barrister, make Proof of the Nature and Sufficiency of their Qualification to be so registered, and shall, upon such Proof being made, and also Proof of Identity, be admitted or rejected accordingly.

Where Adjudication against Claimant is founded on Insufficiency of Value, Claimant may appeal to Judges of Assize, and have the Question tried by a Jury.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That if any Person against whose Claim any such Order shall be made on the Ground of Insufficiency of Value shall deem himself aggrieved thereby, it shall be lawful for such Person to appeal therefrom to the Judges of Assize at the next Assizes for the County, City, Town, or Place within which the Property in right whereof such Person claims to register such Vote shall be situate; and such Judges of Assize, or One of them, are and is hereby empowered and required to try and inquire by the Verdict of a Jury whether such Property is of the annual Value within

within the Meaning of this Act at which the Claimant seeks to register such Vote; and such Jury shall be returned by the same Officer and in the same Manner in which Juries are now returned in Cases of Appeal from the Decrees of Assistant Barristers on Civil Bills; and if such Jury shall give a Verdict in favour of the Claim to register, and the Judge before whom the same shall be tried shall consider such Claim to be in other respects well founded, the Order so complained of shall be thereupon reversed, and the Claimant be declared and adjudged entitled to be registered as a Voter under this Act; and such Adjudication shall have the same Effect to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been made by such Assistant Barrister or Chairman at the Sessions aforesaid.

When Registry is refused on any other Ground, the Claimant may appeal to Judges of Assize.

XXV. And be it enacted, That where any Person, against whose Claim to register as a Voter at Elections for any County, City, or Town or Place, any Order shall be made by the Assistant Barrister or Chairman on any other Ground than Insufficiency of Value, shall consider himself aggrieved by such Order, it shall be lawful for such Person to appeal from such Order to the Judges of Assize at the next Assizes to be holden for the same County, City, Town, or Place; and such Judges of Assize, or One of them, shall have Power, on Motion, to review such Order, and either to affirm or reverse the same, as shall be fit, and thereupon to adjudicate; and which Adjudication shall have the same Effect, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said Adjudication had been made by such Assistant Barrister or Chairman at the Sessions aforesaid.

Proceedings in case of Reversal of Order.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That in every Case in which an Order of an Assistant Barrister or Chairman shall upon Appeal be reversed, the Judge before whom the same shall have been heard shall thereupon cause such Oath to be taken and subscribed, and such Certificate to be given, and shall sign the same respectively in like Manner as the Assistant Barrister is herein-before required to do, and shall cause such Acts to be performed by the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy, and such Proceedings to be had, as herein-before directed and required when any Voter is registered at any Sessions before the Assistant Barrister or Chairman; and such Oath and Certificate, and such Acts and Proceedings, shall be of the like Effect as if they had been taken, subscribed, given, performed, and had before the Assistant Barrister or Chairman.

After the Special Sessions hereby directed Voters may be registered at Quarter Sessions.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That after the Determination of the Session hereby directed to be first holden for the Registry of Voters for Counties, Cities, Towns, and Boroughs, it shall be lawful for any Person claiming a Right so to be registered to apply for that Purpose at any Sessions of the Peace or Adjournment thereof to be held by and before the Assistant Barrister or Chairman of the proper County, and by and before the Assistant Barrister or Chairman by the said Schedule (A.) to this Act annexed authorized to register Voters for such City, Town, or Borough, upon giving to the Clerk of the Peace a Notice of his Intention so to do, in the Form herein provided, Twenty clear Days at the least before the Day appointed for the holding of such General or Quarter Session, and if within a County at large, in the Division within which the Freehold or Leasehold Interest intended to be registered shall be situate; and the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy shall in such Case proceed in all respects in the same Manner as herein-before prescribed with

with relation to Applications for registering Voters at the first Session for that Purpose, hereby directed; and the Assistant Barrister of such County, or Chairman, is hereby authorized and required to hear and determine such Applications at such General or Quarter Sessions, and at the Commencement of such Sessions, and before any other Business, Civil or Criminal, in the same Manner in all respects as is herein-before provided with respect to Applications to register at the Sessions for that Purpose to be first holden under this Act; and thereupon the same Proceedings shall and may be had, the like Orders made, the like Oaths taken, the like Certificates granted, the like Rights and Powers of Appeal enjoyed and exercised, and the like Rules and Regulations, Enactments and Things, observed, performed, and followed, as if such Application had been made at the first Session for registering Votes directed to be held under this Act: Provided always, that a Certificate of a former Registry under this Act shall be deemed and taken to be *primâ facie* Evidence of the Right of voting; and that any Person, having given Notice of his Intention to register anew under this Act, shall, upon producing or causing to be produced such former Certificate at the Sessions for that Purpose to be held, be entitled and admitted to register his Vote, and to obtain a new Certificate under this Act, without further Proof or Oath, unless Cause to the contrary shall appear, and shall by virtue of such new Certificate be entitled to vote at any Election or Elections to be held within Eight Years next after the obtaining of such new Certificate.

Certificate of Registry to be given to each registered Voter.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That upon any Person being under this Act declared entitled to be registered as a Voter, the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy shall, upon Payment to him of the Sum of One Shilling, give to the Person so declared entitled a Certificate on Parchment, signed by such Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy, as also by the Barrister, Chairman, or Judge, declaring such Right, that such Person has been registered as a Voter for such County, City, Town, or Borough, and the Character and Right in which he has been so registered, and the Date of such Registry as aforesaid, and shall then and there make an Entry of such Certificate at the Foot of the Voter's Affidavit of Registry, and sign his Name to such Entry; and which Certificate shall be the proper Evidence of the Right of the Person named therein to vote: Provided always, that in the Absence of such Certificate, the Voter shall be entitled to refer to his original Affidavit of Registry, with the Entry thereon, in the Hands of the Deputy Clerk of the Peace, and which original Affidavit such Deputy is required immediately to produce to the Returning Officer or his Deputy.

Voters registering at first Sessions to be entitled to vote immediately, others after Six Months.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That every Person who shall duly register as a Voter within this Act at the first Session for registering his Vote within this Act shall be thereupon forthwith entitled to vote at any Election to be held in and for the County, City, Town, or Borough for which such Voter shall be registered; and that any Person who shall at any Time after such first Session duly register his Vote according to the Provisions of this Act shall be entitled to vote at any Election to be held by virtue of any Writ tested Six Calendar Months at least after such Registry.

Clerk of the Peace to appoint a Deputy to be

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk of the Peace, at every Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for

for any County, City, Town, or Borough, shall appoint, or in failure thereof the Returning Officer or Officers shall appoint, a Deputy Clerk of the Peace, and likewise an Assistant to such Deputy, to be present in each Booth or Place of polling, who shall take with him into such Place of polling all the original Affidavits and Affirmations which have been made by the Persons capable of voting in such Place of polling respectively, any Act to the contrary notwithstanding; which Affidavits or Affirmations the Clerk of the Peace is hereby required to have arranged alphabetically in separate Parcels, (One or more for each Letter of the Alphabet,) and indorsed with the Names of the Persons by whom the same were respectively made, and also with the Number of the Entry of Affidavit or Affirmation in the Registry Book; and that in those Cases wherein a Certificate of Registry shall not be produced by the Person tendering his Vote or offering to poll, such Deputy shall, on the Demand of the Person offering to poll, produce the original Affidavit or Affirmation of the Registry of such Person; and that such Deputy Clerk of the Peace shall be entitled to receive the Sum of Ten Shillings, and no more, for each Day of his Attendance, any Act to the contrary notwithstanding; and such Assistant to such Deputy shall be entitled to receive the Sum of Five Shillings for each Day of his Attendance; and that if such Deputy, or such Assistant to such Deputy, shall alter, deface, destroy, or lose any Affidavit or Affirmation of Registry committed to his Care, he shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds for every such Offence to any Person suing for the same, by Action of Debt, at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

present at each Polling Place.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That no Person shall be admitted to vote at any Election of a Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament, by virtue of any Registry under this Act, unless he shall have registered within Eight Years next before such Election.

No Person to vote unless registered within Eight Years.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That no Registry hereafter to be made shall be valid unless made conformably to the Provisions of this Act.

Registry contrary to this Act invalid.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That in case any Exigency shall render it necessary for any Assistant Barrister or Chairman to adjourn any Session for the Registry of Votes so appointed to be holden, or in case he shall be so directed by the Lord Lieutenant, it shall be lawful for him to adjourn and continue the same, as Circumstances may require, either to the same Place, or to such other Place or Places as the Lord Lieutenant shall direct.

Assistant Barristers may adjourn Sessions, if necessary.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That any Person registering under this Act shall be exempted from the Payment of any Fee whatever for filling the Certificate or other Duty in respect of such Registry, save only such Fee of One Shilling to the Clerk of the Peace as by this Act is provided.

Persons registering to be exempt from Fees, but 1*s.* to Clerk of Peace.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk of the Peace for each County, City, Town, and Borough returning a Member or Members to Parliament shall, under the Direction and with the Advice of the Chairman or Barrister, as the Case may be, on or before the First Day of *February* in each and every Year, examine, correct, and make out complete alphabetical Lists of the registered Voters in each County, City, Town, and Borough in which

Clerk of the Peace yearly to make out alphabetical List of Voters.

which he has acted in making such Registry as aforesaid, with the Dates of their Registries respectively annexed, and shall, at the Expence of such County, City, Town, and Borough respectively, on or before the said First Day of *February* in each Year, cause such Lists to be printed, and posted in some conspicuous Places in the Counties, Cities, Towns, and Boroughs to which such Lists respectively relate, and shall also deliver to any Person applying for the same a Copy of each such printed List, upon being paid One Shilling for each such Copy.

Expences of printing Lists, and of posting and Publication, to be defrayed by the County, &c.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That the Expences of printing the Notices and Postings hereby directed shall be defrayed by the Clerk of the Peace in such County, City, and Town respectively; and the Grand Jury of each such County, City, and Town, as the Case may be, are hereby required, at the next Assizes or Presenting Term after such Notices and Postings, to present to be levied off their respective Counties, in the same Manner as other Sums are authorized to be presented by such Grand Juries, all such Sums as shall have been necessarily disbursed by such Clerks of the Peace respectively, which Sums shall be paid to such Clerks of the Peace.

In what Case Barrister, &c. ineligible.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That no Barrister or Chairman shall be eligible to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Town, or Borough sending a Member or Members to Parliament, in which he shall have exercised Jurisdiction under this Act as such Barrister or Chairman, for Seven Years after he shall have exercised such Jurisdiction.

Cork Ridings deemed Counties.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That each Riding in the County of *Cork* shall be deemed to be a County for the Purpose of Registry under this Act.

Persons refusing to give Evidence to be subject to a Fine.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall refuse to be sworn or to give Evidence before any Judge, Barrister, Chairman, or Jury, upon the Investigation of any Claim to register under this Act as aforesaid, without sufficient lawful Excuse to be allowed by such Judge, Barrister, or Chairman, it shall be lawful for such Judge, Chairman, or Barrister to order such Person to pay a Fine not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be applied to the Use of the Infirmary of the County, City, or Town respectively, or such charitable Institution as the Judge, Chairman, or Barrister shall think fit, or in default thereof to commit such Person to the Gaol of the said County, City, or Town respectively for any Term not exceeding Two Calendar Months.

Forgers of Certificate or Oath to be punishable by Transportation for Seven Years, or by Imprisonment for Three Years.

XL. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall forge or counterfeit the Signature of any Judge, Chairman, Barrister, or Clerk of the Peace to any Order, Certificate, or Instrument in Writing purporting to be an Order or Certificate within this Act, or the Signature of any Person to any Oath or Affirmation within this Act, or shall knowingly utter or publish as true and genuine any such forged or counterfeited Order, Certificate, Instrument, Writing, Oath, or Affirmation, every Person so offending shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court before which he shall be tried, to be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of Seven Years, or to be imprisoned, with or without hard Labour, for any Term not exceeding Three Years.

XLI. And

XLI. And be it enacted, That in every Case where an Oath is by this Act required to be taken, every Person, being a Moravian or Quaker, may make Affirmation in the Form prescribed hereby for each such Oath respectively, and that all Provisions herein contained relative to any Oath shall respectively extend and apply to every such Affirmation. Quakers or Moravians may affirm.

XLII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall, in any Oath or Affirmation to be taken under this Act, wilfully and corruptly swear or affirm falsely, such Person shall be deemed guilty of Perjury, and be liable to the same Pains, Penalties, and Punishments as any Person is now liable to for wilful and corrupt Perjury. Taking Oath or Affirmation falsely to be Perjury.

XLIII. And be it enacted, That the Sheriff of each County, City, and Town in *Ireland*, or his Under Sheriff, and also the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy, and Town Clerks, for each such County, City, Town, or Borough, or his Deputy, and the High Constable of the Barony in which each and every such Court of Sessions as by this Act is directed shall be held, and such Number of other Constables as the Assistant Barrister or Chairman shall deem sufficient, shall attend the Court from Day to Day during the Continuance of such Sessions; and every Clerk of the Peace and Town Clerk, or Deputy, as the Case may be, attending any such Sessions, shall take with him and from Day to Day attend with such original Affidavits or Affirmations, and all and every such Book and Registry, as under and by virtue of the Laws now in force in *Ireland*, or under this Act, such Clerk of the Peace or Town Clerk, or his Deputy, is required to keep or to attend with and produce at any Election or Place of polling in *Ireland*. Officers to attend Sessions for Registry.

XLIV. And be it enacted, That in the County of *Dublin* all Voters to be registered under this Act shall be registered before the Chairman of the Sessions of that County, and in the City of *Dublin* before the said Chairman, who shall for such Purpose hold a Session Four Times in each Year, at such Times and Places as the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* shall appoint, and that such Registry shall be conducted in the same Manner in all respects as before the Assistant Barrister in any other County, City, or Town; and such Chairman shall have, exercise, perform, and discharge every Power, Jurisdiction, Right, Authority, Duty, and Function hereby vested in or given to any such Assistant Barrister; and in any Case where an Appeal is hereby allowed from the Order of an Assistant Barrister to the Judge of Assize the like Power of Appeal from any Order of such Chairman shall and may, in the Case of any Voter in the County of *Dublin* and City of *Dublin* respectively, be enjoyed and had to a Judge of any of His Majesty's superior Law Courts of Record in *Dublin* at Nisi Prius, at the Sittings for the City of *Dublin* next after such Order made, and the Judge to which any such Appeal shall be made shall proceed with respect thereto in the same Manner as any Judge of Assize is hereby authorized or required to proceed. Registry of Voters in the County of Dublin and in the City of Dublin.

XLV. And be it enacted, That every Session to be held for registering Voters within this Act shall be deemed a Court of Record; and that it shall be lawful for every Barrister or Chairman before whom such Court shall be held, from Time to Time as Power to the Barrister, &c. to fine Clerk of Peace, &c. for Breach of Duty.

as there shall be Occasion, to fine the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy, the Town Clerk or his Deputy, or the Sub-Sheriff of the County, City, or Town for which the said Court shall be held, and any High or other Constable, who shall respectively be guilty of any Breach of Duty in the Execution of this Act, in any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and, at his Discretion, to fine in any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, or to commit to Prison for any Time not exceeding a Fortnight, any Person whatsoever who shall disturb the Court so to be held by him for registering Voters as aforesaid, or who shall be guilty of any other Contempt of the said Court.

Freeholds of the annual Value of not less than 50*l.* may be registered at the Special or General Quarter Sessions to be holden under this Act.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Freeholder who may be entitled by Law to register a Freehold in any County, County of a City, or County of a Town in *Ireland*, of the annual Value of not less than Fifty Pounds, and for every Clergyman who claims to vote as a Freeholder in right of his Benefice, to register such Freehold either at the Special or any General Quarter Sessions to be holden under this Act, or to register such Freehold by taking and subscribing the proper Oath by the Schedule to this Act annexed prescribed, in any of the superior Courts of Record in *Dublin*, or before a Judge at the Assizes, in the Manner now by Law authorized; and the said Oath shall be subscribed by One of the Judges of the Court before whom the same was taken, and being delivered to the Clerk of the Peace, shall be signed by him, and kept amongst the Records of the proper County; and each such Freeholder shall be thereupon entitled, upon Payment of the Fee of One Shilling, to receive, at any Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Division of the County in which his Freehold shall be situate, a Certificate of his Registry as a Voter for such County, City, or Town respectively; which Certificate shall be in the Form by this Act prescribed, and shall be signed by the Assistant Barrister and Clerk of the Peace, or his Deputy, and shall be of equal Validity with any Certificate to be granted under this Act, and subject to the same Provisions.

Provision as to Trustees and Mortgagees.

XLVII. And be it enacted, That no Person shall be allowed to have any Vote at any Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for or by reason of any Trust Estate or Mortgage, unless such Trustee or Mortgagee be in actual Receipt of the Rents and Profits of the same Estate, but that the Cestuique Trust or Mortgagor in possession shall and may register and vote for the same Estate, notwithstanding such Trust or Mortgage.

Candidate, or Person proposing Candidate without his Consent, to be at the Expence of Booths and Poll Clerks.

XLVIII. And be it enacted, That after the End of the present Parliament all Booths erected for the Convenience of taking Polls shall be erected at the joint and equal Expence of the several Candidates, and the same shall be erected by Contract with the Candidates if they shall think fit to make such Contract, or if they shall not make such Contract, then the same shall be erected by the Sheriff or other Returning Officer or Officers, at the Expence of the several Candidates as aforesaid; and the Deputies appointed by the said Sheriff or other Returning Officer or Officers shall be paid each Two Guineas by the Day, and the Clerks employed in taking the Polls shall be paid each One Guinea by the Day, at the

the Expence of the Candidates at such Election: Provided always, that if any Person shall be proposed without his Consent, then that the Person so proposing him shall deposit or give Security in a sufficient Sum to defray his Share of the said Expences in like Manner as if he had been a Candidate.

Copies of the Registry of Voters to be made for each Booth.

XLIX. And be it enacted, That the Sheriff or other Returning Officer shall, before the Day fixed for the Election, cause to be made, for the Use of each Booth at such Election, a true Copy of the Register of Voters, and shall under his Hand certify every such Copy to be true.

Powers of Deputies of Returning Officers.

L. And be it enacted, That every Deputy of a Sheriff or other Returning Officer shall have the same Power of administering the Oaths and Affirmations required by Law as the Sheriff or other Returning Officer has by virtue of this or any other Act, and subject to the same Regulations and Provisions in every respect as such Sheriff or other Returning Officer; and that such Oaths shall be agreeable to the Forms by Law required, or as near thereto as may be.

Two or more Polling Places to be provided where there shall exceed Six hundred Voters.

LI. And be it further enacted, That whenever, in any One Barony or Half Barony of the County, or in any County of a City or County of a Town, or in any Borough, the Number of registered Voters appearing by the Books of the Clerk of the Peace capable of voting at any Election for the same shall exceed Six hundred Voters, it shall and may be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers, and he and they are hereby required, to provide Two or more Polling Places for such Barony or Half Barony, or for such County of a City or County of a Town, or Borough, and to make such a Division or Divisions of the Voters, according to the first Letters of their Names, that it shall not be necessary for more than Six hundred Voters to poll in any One Place of polling, but so as not to divide the Names beginning with the same Letter of the Alphabet; and that it shall and may be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers, and he and they are hereby required, to provide as many new Places of polling as may be necessary for the Purpose, and to appoint as many additional Deputies and Poll Clerks as shall be necessary to take the Poll in such additional Places of polling, not exceeding One Deputy and One Poll Clerk for each such Place of polling; and provided always, that in case the Number of Voters in any Two or more Baronies or Half Baronies in any County shall not exceed the Number of Six hundred Voters, it shall be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers, and he and they are hereby required, to provide that the Poll for such Baronies and Half Baronies shall be taken in One Place of polling only.

Poll to commence on the Day the same shall be demanded.

LII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act every Poll which shall be demanded at any Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Town, or Borough in *Ireland* shall commence on the Day upon which the same shall be demanded, or upon the next Day after (unless such Day shall happen to be a *Sunday*, *Christmas Day*, or *Good Friday*, and in such Case on the Day next after), and shall be duly and regularly proceeded in from Day to Day for so many Hours of each Polling Day as the Returning Officer or Officers are now by Law directed to keep the Poll open in Counties at

at large (*Sunday*, *Christmas Day*, and *Good Friday* excepted), until the same shall be finished, but so that no Poll shall continue more than Five Days at the most (*Sunday*, *Christmas Day*, and *Good Friday* always excepted); and if such Poll shall continue until the Fifth Day, then the same shall be finally closed at or before the Hour of Five o'Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day; and the Returning Officer shall immediately after the final Close of the Poll declare the Name or Names of the Person or Persons having the Majority of Votes in such Poll, and shall forthwith make a Return of such Person or Persons.

Poll to close when no more than Twenty Persons have polled during the Day

LIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Returning Officer at any such Election, and he is hereby required, on any Day during such Election after the First Day of polling, to close finally the Poll in any Booth or Place of polling in which no more than Twenty Persons have polled during that Day: Provided always, that in case it shall appear to the Returning Officer, upon the Evidence of Two or more credible Persons, taken upon Oath, and which Oath the Returning Officer is hereby empowered to administer, that any Persons intending to offer themselves to poll in such Booth or Place of polling have been prevented by Force or Violence from coming to the same for the Purpose of polling on that Day, that then and in such Case it shall be lawful to and for the Returning Officer to keep such Booth or Place of polling open for another Day, and so on from Day to Day, if such Force or Violence be repeated, and be found to have taken place upon such Evidence as aforesaid, to the Satisfaction of the Returning Officer, and for such Purpose to delay the final Close of the Poll and the Return so long as may be necessary.

Certificate to be conclusive of Right of voting; and no Inquiry at Poll, save by Affidavit in Schedule (B.)

LIV. And be it enacted, That the Certificate by this Act directed, or in default of its Production the original Affidavit of Registry, shall be conclusive of the Right of voting of the Person named therein; and that the Returning Officer or his Deputy, upon the Production of such Certificate or Affidavit by such Person, and upon his taking the Oaths herein-after mentioned, if required so to do, shall admit such Person to vote without any other Oath or Examination, and shall indorse the Initials of his Name thereon, with the Day and Year when the same was produced; and that no Inquiry whatever as to the Right of voting of such Person shall be permitted to be made, nor shall any Scrutiny be allowed; save only that the Sheriff, Returning Officer, or his Deputy, shall, if required by any Candidate or his Agent, and he is hereby authorized so to do, immediately before the polling of any Voter, administer to such Voter the Oath in the Schedule (B.) to this Act annexed; and provided also, that the Oath against Bribery may be administered, at the Desire of any Candidate, to any Person tendering his Vote, in like Manner as the same might be administered before the passing of this Act; and provided always, that if such Person so tendering his Vote shall appear by such Certificate to have before voted at such Election, or shall refuse to take the said Oaths or either of them when required so to do, the Sheriff, Returning Officer, or his Deputy shall reject such Vote.

All Election Laws to remain in force, save

LV. And be it enacted, That all Laws, Statutes, and Usages now in force respecting Elections of Members to serve in Par-

liament for any County, City, Town, or Borough in *Ireland* shall, save so far as they are respectively repealed or altered by this Act, remain and they are hereby re-enacted and declared to be in full Force; and that all Elections for any Member or Members to serve in this present Parliament, to be hereafter had, shall be held and made as if this Act had not been passed. when altered by this Act.

LVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if a Dissolution of this present Parliament shall take place after the passing of this Act, and before the Termination of the Special Sessions for any County, City, or Town to be first holden under the Provisions of this Act, in such Case such Persons only shall be entitled to vote at the Election of Members to serve in a new Parliament for such County, City, or Town as would have been entitled to register their Votes under this Act if the Day of Election had been the Day for such Registry, and such Person shall be entitled to vote in such Election although they may not be registered according to the Provision of this Act, any thing herein contained notwithstanding. In case of Dissolution of Parliament before Registry, the new Right of voting shall take effect without Registration.

LVII. And be it enacted, That if any Sheriff, Clerk of the Peace, Town Clerk, Returning Officer, or other Person shall wilfully contravene or disobey any Provisions of this Act, he shall for each such Offence be liable to be sued for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered by an Action of Debt or Information, in the Name of His Majesty's Attorney General or any other Person, in any of His Majesty's superior Courts of Record at *Dublin;* and the Jury may in any such Action find a Verdict for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, or for any Sum not less than Ten Pounds, as they shall think just; and the Defendant against whom such Verdict shall be found shall pay the Amount thereof, with full Costs of Suit, to the Use of His Majesty or of the Person suing. Penalties on Officers for Breach of Duty.

LVIII. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the Right of any Party grieved by any such Misconduct of any Sheriff, Returning Officer, or other Person, to recover in an Action on the Case for a false Return, or such other Action as such Person may by Law be then entitled to maintain. Not to prejudice Rights of Action against Officers.

LIX. And be it enacted, That if any Person, at the Time of any Election being in the Enjoyment of any Office disqualifying him from voting at such Election, or being otherwise disqualified, or having ceased to be qualified, shall notwithstanding presume to vote at such Election, such Person shall forfeit to His Majesty a Sum of One hundred Pounds, and shall be liable to all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Provisions to which he would have been subject for such Offence by any Law in force at the Time of committing the same; and in case of a Petition to the House of Commons for altering the Return, or setting aside the Election at which such Person shall have voted, his Vote shall be struck off by the Committee, with such Costs as to them shall seem meet, to be paid by him to the Petitioner. Disqualified Persons voting to be subject to Penalties, and liable to Costs on Petition to House of Commons.

LX. And be it enacted, That in addition to the Persons now qualified to vote at the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the University of *Dublin*, every Person being of the Age of Twenty-one Years, who has obtained or hereafter shall obtain Right of voting in the University of Dublin continued to all Fellows and

Scholars so long as their Names are kept in the Books of the University.

the Degree of Master of Arts, or any higher Degree, or a Scholarship or Fellowship in the said University, and whose Name shall be upon the Books of the said University, shall be entitled to vote at any Election of a Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament for the said University so long as the Name of such Person shall be kept and continue to be kept on the Books of the said University as a Member thereof, subject, however, and according to the Rules and Statutes of the said University; provided always, that no Person shall be entitled to vote at any Election of a Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament for the said University by reason of any Degree of a purely honorary Nature.

Scholars and Fellows who have removed their Names may replace them on the Books of the University.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That every Person who now is a Master or Bachelor of Arts, or of any higher Degree, or who has been a Scholar or Fellow of the said University, and who shall have voluntarily removed his Name from the Books of the said University, shall be entitled, within Six Months after the passing of this Act, and not after, to replace the same thereon, upon Payment of the Sum of Two Pounds; and that every Person whose Name shall be continued upon the said Books for the Purpose of entitling him to vote at the Election of Members to serve in Parliament for the said University shall be liable to pay to the said College an annual Sum of One Pound and no more; and that upon the Refusal of any such Person to pay the annual Sum of One Pound, within One Month after the same shall have been demanded, his Name shall be removed from said Books, and shall not be again replaced thereon.

Explanation of Terms used.

LXII. And be it enacted, That the Words "City, Town, or Borough," used in this Act, shall be construed to include all Places, whether Corporate or otherwise, entitled to send a Member or Members to Parliament; and that the Words "Returning Officer," used in this Act, shall be construed to include every Person by his Office entitled to preside at the Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament, and to include several Persons so entitled.

Clergymen to register as Freeholders.

LXIII. And be it enacted, That no Clergyman shall be permitted to vote as such at any Election of a Member or Members to serve in any future Parliament, unless his Name shall have been duly registered as a Freeholder under this Act.

Separate Freeholds to be counted, in estimation of Value, as One Freehold.

LXIV. And be it declared and enacted, That every Person entitled to Two or more Freehold Estates or Interests in any County, County of a City, or County of a Town in *Ireland*, the annual Value whereof shall in the Aggregate amount to Ten Pounds according to the Mode of valuing Freeholds by this Act prescribed for the Qualification of Electors, and who shall in all other respects be duly qualified, shall be admitted to register and vote according to the Provisions of this Act as if said separate Freehold were One Freehold, although no One of such Freehold Estates may be of such annual Value of Ten Pounds according to such Mode of Valuation.

Abolition of cautionary Notices to Voters. 1 G. 4. c. 11.

LXV. 'And whereas by an Act passed in the First Year of 'His late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for the better Regula-* '*tion of Polls, and for making further Provision touching the* '*Election of Members to serve in Parliament for* Ireland, it is 'enacted,

'enacted, that if any Person shall vote at any Election by virtue 'of the Registry of an alleged Freehold under a Lease of Lands 'and Tenements for a Life or Lives made by the Lessor, who had 'not at the Time of making the same a Freehold Estate therein, 'or under a Lease of Lands or Tenements for a Life or Lives, 'which Lease is to end and determine on some such Covenant 'or Condition that a Freehold Estate has not been demised by 'the same, or under a Lease of Lands or Tenements for a Life 'or Lives, or a certain Number of Years, which Life or Lives is 'or are dead, or under a Lease of Lands or Tenements for a Life 'or Lives, which Lease has expired or been surrendered, after due 'Notice not to vote by virtue of any such Registry shall have 'been given to such Person by any Candidate, or by any Inspector 'of any Candidate, and which Notice every Candidate and In-'spector is thereby authorized and empowered to give such Person 'at any Time before or during such Election, or in the Place of 'polling, such Person, on being convicted thereof, shall forfeit to 'any Person who shall sue for the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be 'recovered by him or them, with Treble Costs of Suit, by Action 'of Debt, at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or at any 'Assizes that may be held for the County in which such Election 'shall have taken place: And whereas by an Act passed in the 'Fourth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to* 4 G. 4. c. 55. '*consolidate and amend the several Acts then in force, so far as the* '*same relate to the Election and Return of Members to serve in Par-*'*liament for Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns in* Ireland, a 'similar Provision is made with reference to such Counties of Cities 'and Counties of Towns: And whereas the giving of such caution-'ary Notices by Candidates and Inspectors, at and during the Time 'of an Election, and in the Place of polling, has been productive 'in many Cases of vexatious Delays and Inconvenience to Voters, 'and is inexpedient and unnecessary;' be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act so much of the said recited Acts of the First and of the Fourth Year of His late Majesty's Reign as authorizes and empowers every Candidate and Inspector to give such cautionary Notices to Voters at any Time before or during the Elections in *Ireland*, or in the Place of polling at such Elections, and as renders it necessary that such Notices shall have been so given to any Person voting by virtue of the Registry of the said therein recited alleged Freeholds, in order to such Person being or becoming subject to and incurring the Penalties thereby imposed, shall be and are hereby repealed: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall exempt or be construed to exempt from such Penalties any Person who at the Election of any Member or Members to serve in Parliament for any County, or County of a City, or County of a Town in *Ireland*, shall vote by virtue of the Registry of such alleged Freehold as aforesaid; but such Person, on being convicted thereof, notwithstanding the Want of such Notice by any Candidate or Inspector, shall forfeit to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same the said Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be recovered by him or them, with Treble Costs of Suit, by Proceeding in the Nature of Civil Bill, at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace that may be held for the County, or County of the City, or County of the Town in which such Election

shall have taken place, or by Action of Debt in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record in *Ireland*.

Lord Lieutenant may depute Duty of presiding at the Special Sessions to be first held under this Act to Barristers of not less than Six Years Standing.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* shall be and are hereby authorized, by Warrant under his or their Hand, to appoint, for the Duty of presiding at the Special Sessions to be first held for registering Voters under this Act, in any County, City, Town, or Borough, or in any Two or more of such Counties, Cities, Towns, or Boroughs, any Barrister or Barristers of not less than Six Years Standing at the *Irish* Bar to be Assistant to or Deputies of the Assistant Barrister or Chairman; and when Two or more Barristers shall be appointed for the same County, Riding, City, Town, or Borough, they shall attend at the same Place together, but shall sit apart from each other, and hold separate Courts at the same Time for the Dispatch of Business; and that all the Powers, Duties, Rights, and Privileges given or imposed by this Act to or upon any Assistant Barrister or Chairman are and shall be by virtue of such Warrant given to and imposed upon such Assistants or Deputies; and that all Acts to be done by such Deputies or Assistants shall be of the same Efficacy in Law as if done by the Assistant Barrister or Chairman upon whom such Duties would have otherwise devolved under this Act.

Compensation to Assistant Barristers, Clerks of Peace, &c.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That every Barrister appointed to preside at any Special Sessions under this Act (such Barrister not being an Assistant Barrister or Chairman) shall be paid at the Rate of Five Guineas for every Day that he shall be so employed, over and above his travelling and other Expences; and every such Barrister, after the Termination of his last Sitting, shall lay or cause to be laid before the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* a Statement of the Number of Days during which he shall have been employed, and an Account of the travelling and other Expences incurred by him in respect of such Employment; and such Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors shall make an Order for the Amount to be paid to such Barrister out of the Consolidated Fund; and in order to provide a Remuneration for the Assistant Barristers or Chairman for the additional Labour imposed on them by this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the said Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors to direct that the said Assistant Barristers and Chairman shall be paid, in addition to the Salaries now by them receivable, such yearly Sum, not exceeding in any Case the Sum of One hundred Pounds, at the Discretion of the said Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors, as he or they shall by Warrant under his or their Hand direct, such additional Salaries to be payable at the same Time and in the same Manner as the Salaries of the said Assistant Barristers are now payable.

In what Cases Chairman may perform his Duties by Deputy.

LXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in order to enable the Chairman of the Sessions for the County of *Dublin* to discharge the Duties imposed on him by this Act, with regard to the Registry of Voters in and for the City of *Dublin*, at such Sessions as are to be holden for that Purpose after the First or Special Sessions for registering Voters, it shall and may be lawful for the Chairman of the Sessions of the County of *Dublin* to

to discharge the Duties of such subsequent Registries in and for the City of *Dublin* by a sufficient Deputy, to be appointed by such Chairman for that Purpose, and which Deputy shall be a Barrister of Six Years Standing at the least at the *Irish* Bar, and shall be approved of by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland;* and that all the Powers, Duties, Rights, and Privileges given or imposed by this Act upon such Chairman respecting such Registries are and shall be, by virtue of such Appointment and Approbation as aforesaid, given to and imposed on such Deputy; and that all Acts done by such Deputy respecting such Registries in and for the said City of *Dublin* shall be of the same Efficacy in Law as if done by the said Chairman himself; and such Deputy shall, at the End of each Sessions, be paid and remunerated in the same Manner and at the same Rate as any other Deputy appointed to register Votes under this Act.

Act may be amended, &c.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

SCHEDULES to which the foregoing Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

LIST of ASSISTANT BARRISTERS and CHAIRMAN before whom Sessions for registering Votes in each City, Town, or Borough are to held.

SESSIONS FOR	BEFORE
Armagh Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Armagh County.
Athlone Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Westmeath County.
Bandon Bridge Borough	Assistant Barrister of West Riding of Cork County.
Belfast Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Antrim County.
Carlow Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Carlow.
Carrickfergus Borough	Assistant Barrister of Antrim County.
Cashel Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Tipperary County.
Clonmel Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Tipperary County.
Coleraine Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Londonderry County.
Cork City - -	Assistant Barrister of East Riding of Cork County.
Downpatrick Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Down County.
Drogheda Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Louth County.
Dublin City - -	Chairman of Sessions of County of Dublin.
Dundalk Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Louth County.
Dungannon Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Tyrone County.
Dungarvan Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Waterford County.
Ennis Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Clare County.

Enniskillen Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Fermanagh County.
Galway Town - -	Assistant Barrister of Galway County.
Kilkenny City - -	Assistant Barrister of Kilkenny County.
Kinsale Borough -	Assistant Barrister of East Riding of Cork County.
Limerick City - -	Assistant Barrister of Limerick County.
Lisburn Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Antrim County.
Londonderry City -	Assistant Barrister of Londonderry County.
Mallow Town - -	Assistant Barrister of East Riding of Cork County.
Newry Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Down County.
Portarlington Borough	Assistant Barrister of Queen's County.
Ross (New) Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Wexford County.
Sligo Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Sligo County.
Tralee Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Kerry County.
Waterford City -	Assistant Barrister of Waterford County.
Wexford Borough -	Assistant Barrister of Wexford.
Youghal Borough -	Assistant Barrister of East Riding of Cork County.

SCHEDULE (B.)

OATH to be taken by VOTERS at POLLING, before Returning Officer, Sheriff, or his Deputies, if required on behalf of any Candidate.

I *A.B.* do swear, [*or, being a Quaker*, do affirm,] That I am the same [*A.B.*] whose Name appears registered in the Certificate or Affidavit now produced; and that my Qualification as such registered Voter still continues; and that I have not before voted at this Election; and [*in the Case of Householders in Cities, Towns, and Boroughs,*] that not more than One Half Year's Grand Jury or Municipal Cesses, Rates, or Taxes are now due or payable by me in respect of the Premises in this Certificate mentioned.

SCHEDULE (C.) No. 1.

FORM of NOTICE for holding the first Session for registering Voters under this Act.

County, City, Town, *or* Borough, } of [*as the Case may be*]

Notice is hereby given, That a Session for the Purpose of registering the Names of Persons entitled to vote at the Election of Members [*or* a Member] to serve in Parliament for the County of [*or* the City of *or* the County of the Town of *or* the Borough of *as the Case may be*,] pursuant to an Act passed in the Second

and Third Year of the Reign of King William the Fourth, will be holden at in the said County of [*or* City of *or* the County of the Town of *or* Borough of *as the Case may be*,] on the Day of next, by and before the Assistant Barrister of the County of [*or* before the Chairman, *or* Barrister, *as the Case may be*,] at which Time and Place Applications of Persons claiming to be entitled to vote at such Elections will be received and taken into consideration.

Dated this Day of .

Clerk of the Peace of the said County
or [*or* County of the City, *or* County of the Town.]

SCHEDULE (C.) No. 2.

FORM of NOTICE to be given of Application to be registered as a Voter for a County, City, Town, or Borough.

Sir,

Take Notice, That it is my Intention to apply to be registered as a Person entitled to vote at Elections of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for the County of [*or* for the City, Town, *or* Borough] of and the Particulars of my Claim are as follows:

Name, Description, and Residence of Applicant.	In what Right claiming.	Description of Property, if the same be in respect of Property, with Name of Barony, Townland, Parish, Street, or Denomination, or Place where situate.	Yearly Value to be registered.
X. Y. of Yeoman, &c.	Freeholder. Leaseholder. Householder. Freeman. Rent-charge.		

SCHEDULE (C.) No. 3.

LIST of APPLICATIONS to be entered by the Clerk of the Peace.

No.	Name, Description, and Residence of Applicant.	Description of Property, with Name of Townland, Parish, Street, &c. and Right in which Registry is claimed.	Yearly Value to be registered.

SCHEDULE (C.) No. 4.

OATH of FREEHOLDERS registering a Freehold of the Value of Twenty Pounds or upwards, not arising from a Rent-charge, in any County, City, or Town.

I *A. B.* of in the County [*or* of in the City, Town, *or* Borough of] Esquire, Clerk, [*or as the Description is,*] do swear, That I am a Freeholder in the County, City, or Town of and that I have now a Freehold therein arising from a House [*or* Houses, Lands, *or both, or other Hereditaments, as the Case may be,*] lying and being at [*naming the Street or Place where such House or Houses or other Hereditaments shall be situate or arise*] in the County [City *or* Town] of of the clear yearly Value of Fifty Pounds, *or* Twenty Pounds, [*as the Case may be,*] at the least, above all Rent and Charges payable out of the same, except only Public or Parliamentary Taxes, County, Church, or Parish Cesses or Rates; and that the said Freehold does not arise from a Rent-charge; and that I have not accepted or procured the said Freehold fraudulently, nor in exchange for any Freehold in any other County, City, Town, or Borough.

So help me GOD.

SCHEDULE (C.) No. 5.

OATH to be taken by RENT-CHARGER in any County, City, or Town.

I *A. B.* of in the County [*or* City *or* Town] of Esquire, [*or as the Description is,*] do swear, That I am a Freeholder in the County of the City [*or* Town] of and that I have a Freehold therein of the clear yearly Value of Twenty Pounds at the least above all Charges payable out of the same, consisting of a Rent-charge, granted by Deed or Instrument bearing Date the Day of in the Year by *A. B.* of on the Lands of [*naming the Lands, House or Houses, or other Hereditaments mentioned in such Deed*] in the County, City [*or* Town] of ; and that I am in the Possession thereof to the clear Amount of Twenty Pounds yearly, and am entitled to receive the same as it becomes due, to and for my own sole Use and Benefit; and that I have not procured or accepted the same fraudulently, nor in exchange for a Freehold in any other County [City *or* Town].

So help me GOD.

SCHEDULE (C.) No. 6.

OATH of FREEHOLDER registering a Freehold of the annual Value of Ten Pounds in any County, City, or Town.

I *E. F.* of in the County [City *or* Town] of Yeoman, [*or as the Case may be,*] do swear, That I am a Freeholder of the County [County of the City *or* the Town] of and that I have a Freehold therein arising from a House [*or* Houses, Land, *or both, as the Case may be,*] of the clear yearly Value of Ten Pounds above all Rent and

Charges payable out of the same, except only Public or Parliamentary Taxes, County, Parish, or Church Cesses or Rates, and Cesses on any Townland or Division of any Parish or Barony, lying and being at [*naming the Townland or Townlands or other Denominations by which the Place is generally known, and the Barony or Baronies, or the Parish, and Street or Streets of the County, City, or Town, as the Case may be, wherein it is situate,*] in the County, City [*or* Town] of ; and that the said Freehold does not arise from a Rent-charge, and that the same arises by virtue of the Deed, Lease, or Instrument bearing Date the Day of in the Year [*or otherwise stating the Nature of the Title, as the Case may be*]; and that I am in the actual Occupation thereof by residing thereon, [*or* by tilling or by grazing, *or by both tilling and grazing, as the Case may be*]; [*and where the Freehold is held by any Deed, Lease, or Instrument, adding these Words,* and that the Freehold is not let or agreed to be let to the Person or Persons who executed the said Deed or Instrument, or to the Heirs or Assigns of such Person or Persons, or to any one in Trust for him, her, or them, nor do I intend to let the same or any Part thereof to such Person or Persons, or any of them, and that I have not agreed to let it for the Term for which I hold it]; and that I have not procured or accepted the said Freehold fraudulently, nor in exchange for a Freehold in any other County, City, or Town.

So help me GOD.

SCHEDULE (C.) No. 7.

OATH of LEASEHOLDER registering a Leasehold in any County, City, or Town.

I *E. F.* of in the County [*or* City *or* Town] of Farmer [*or as the Case may be*] do swear, That I do now hold the Lands of [*or as the Case may be, describing the Tenement*], situate, lying, and being at under a Lease, [Deed *or* Instrument, *as the Case may be,*] bearing Date the Day of in the Year by and between ; and that such Leasehold is now of the clear yearly Value of Twenty Pounds [*or* Ten Pounds, *as the Case may be,*] over and above all Rent and Charges payable out of the same, except only Public or Parliamentary Taxes, County, Church, or Parish Cesses or Rates, and Cesses upon any Townland or Division of any Parish or Barony; and that the said Leasehold does not arise from a Rent-charge; and that I have not accepted or procured the said Leasehold fraudulently, nor in exchange for any Freehold or Leasehold in any other County, City, or Town, [*and if the said Leaseholder be the Lessee or Assignee of a derivative Term, or under Lease,*] that I am in the actual Occupation thereof. So help me GOD.

SCHEDULE (C.) No. 8.

OATH to be taken by HOUSEHOLDERS registering as Voters in any City, Town, or Borough.

I *E. F.* of in the City [Town *or* Borough] of Merchant, [*or, &c. as the Case may be,*] do swear, That

That I am, and have been for Six Calendar Months last past, in Possession and actual Occupation of the House, Warehouse, *&c.* [*describing the Premises*] situate at in the said City [Town *or* Borough]; and that the said Premises are *bonâ fide* of the clear yearly Value of not less than Ten Pounds [*or* Five Pounds, *as the Case may be*]; and that not more than One Half Year's Grand Jury or Municipal Cesses, Rates, or Taxes are now due or payable by me in respect to the said Premises or any Part thereof. So help me GOD.

SCHEDULE (C.) No. 9.

OATH to be taken by RESIDENT FREEMEN and Forty-shilling Freeholders whose Rights are saved.

I *A. B.* of in the City [*or* Town *or* Borough] of Merchant [*or, &c. as the Case may be,*] do swear, That I am a Freeman or other Corporate Officer [*as the Case may be*] of the said City, [Town *or* Borough,] having a Right to vote at Elections for the said City [*&c.*] of [*or* that I am a registered Forty-shilling Freeholder having a Right to vote at Elections for the said City, *&c.* of *as the Case may be*]; and that I am, and for the last Six Months have been, a Resident within the said City [*&c.*] of or within Seven Statute Miles of the usual Place of Election in the said City [Town *or* Borough, *as the Case may be.*] So help me GOD.

SCHEDULE (D.) No. 1.

CERTIFICATE of RENT-CHARGER Freeholder or Leaseholder.

County, City, Town, *or* Borough } of [*as the Case may be.*]

THIS is to certify, that *A. B.* of in this County, [City *or* Town, *as the Case may be,*] Clerk, [Merchant, Gentleman, Farmer, Yeoman, *&c. as the Case may be,*] was this Day duly registered before me as a Voter for this [County, *&c. as the Case may be,*] in right of a Rent-charge Freehold [*or* Leasehold, *as the Case may be*] of the yearly Value of Fifty Pounds, *or* Twenty Pounds, *or* Ten Pounds, *or* [*as the Case may be*], situate at [*describing the Townland and Place, &c.*] in this County, [City, *&c.*]

O. Judge, Chairman, *or* Assistant Barrister.
O. Clerk of the Peace.

Certificate, No. [*&c.*]

SCHEDULE (D.) No. 2.

CERTIFICATE of HOUSEHOLDER.

City, Town, *or* Borough } of [*as the Case may be.*]

This is to certify, That *A.B.* of in this was this Day duly registered before me as a Voter for this City [Town

[Town *or* Borough, *as the Case may be*] in right of his House, *&c.* situate at [*describing the Place and Situation.*] Dated this Day of .

O. Judge, Chairman, Assistant Barister, *or* Barrister, *&c.*

O. Clerk of the Peace.

Certificate, No. [*&c.*]

SCHEDULE (D.) No. 3.

CERTIFICATE of FREEMEN, &c.

City, Town, *or* Borough } of [*as the Case may be.*]

This is to certify, That *A.B.* of in this Yeoman [*or as the Case may be*] was this Day duly registered before me as a Voter for this City [Town *or* Borough, *as the Case may be,*] in right of his being a Resident Freeman [*or* Resident Forty-shilling Freeholder, *as the Case may be.*] Dated this Day of at .

O. Judge, Chairman, Assistant Barrister, *or* Barrister, *&c.*

O. Clerk of the Peace.

Certificate, No. [*&c.*]

CAP. LXXXIX.

An Act to settle and describe the Limits of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs in *Ireland*, in so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament.

[7th *August* 1832.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in this present Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to amend the Representation of the People of* Ireland, it is amongst other things provided, that each of the Cities, Towns, and Boroughs returning a Member or Members to serve in Parliament should, for the Purposes of the said recited Act, include the Place or Places respectively which should be comprehended within the Boundaries of each of the said Cities, Towns, and Boroughs respectively, as such Boundaries should be settled by an Act to be passed for that Purpose in this present Parliament, which Act, when passed, should be deemed and taken to be Part of the said recited Act, as fully and effectually as if the same were incorporated therewith: And whereas the Act so to be passed for settling and describing the Boundaries of Cities, Towns, and Boroughs, as in the said recited Act is mentioned, is this present Act: And whereas the several Cities, Towns, and Boroughs whereof the Boundaries were so to be settled and described, as in the said recited Act is mentioned, are the several Cities, Towns, and Boroughs which are specified in the Schedule to this Act annexed;' be it therefore enacted and declared by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the several Cities, Towns, Boroughs, and Places specified in the Schedule to this Act annexed 2 & 3 W. 4. c. 88.

Cities, &c. shall, as to Elections, include the