Sheriffs Act (Ireland) 1785

Chapter 36

An Act to amend the Sheriffs Act (Ireland), 1725; and for extending the Provisions thereof.[1]

Ss.I–IV rep. by SLR (I) 1879; 1954 c.11 (NI) s.3 sch.; 1978 c.23 s.122(2) sch.7 Pt.II

Provisions in said act extended to cities.

V. AND whereas it is judged expedient to extend the provisions of the said recited act[2] to cities as well as counties: every sheriff of every city, in this kingdom, shall, before his admission into office, take the oath herein after mentioned, besides the other oaths required by law, before the person who is to admit him into said office, which oath such person is hereby authorized and required to administer.

Oath to be taken by sheriffs of cities.

I *A.B.* sheriff of the city of do swear, that I will faithfully and honestly, without favour or affection to any person whatsoever, to the best of my understanding, and power, execute the duties of my said office, and particularly that I will, without delay, duly execute all writs, process, and executions, and all orders and warrants that shall be delivered to me, or lodged in my office, and make true and speedy returns to such of them as are by law returnable to the courts from whence they respectively issue; and that I will take, or cause to be taken, all inquisitions fairly and openly, giving such notice as the law requires, and duly return such inquisitions; and that I will impannel and return all jurors, and tales jurors, without partiality or favour; and that I will do equal justice to poor and rich; and that I will not take or receive any fee, reward, or gratuity whatsoever, for doing or not doing any part of the duty of my said office, except what I am by law entitled to receive.

Sheriffs refusing or neglecting to take said oath, his election void, and

VI. AND in case any such sheriff shall refuse or neglect to take the said oath, in the manner, and at the time herein before mentioned, the election of such person shall be void; and if, after such neglect or refusal,

if he shall do any act as sheriff, be fined £100.

such person shall do any act as sheriff, such person shall, for such offence, forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds sterling, . . .[3].

References

1. Short title "The Sheriffs Act (Ireland) 1785", 1951 c.1 (NI)
   See 1835 c.55; 1868 c.72 s.12; 1920 c.26 s.4
2. i.e. 1725 c.4 (I)
3. Rep., SLR (I) 1879; 1954 c.11 (NI) s.3 sch.