

10. If the Parish is divided into polling-districts, each voter shall give his vote in the polling-district in which the property in respect of which he is entitled to vote is situate, and if such property is situate in more than one district, in any one of the districts in which it is situate.

11. The Summoning Officer, or some person or persons appointed by him shall preside at each polling-place.

12. The poll shall commence at such an hour not earlier than 8 A.M., and close at such an hour not later than 8 P.M., as shall be fixed by the Summoning Officer, but the poll shall not be open for more than seven hours.

13. The poll shall be taken by each voter filling up, or causing to be filled up in writing, at the proper polling-place, an official voting-paper containing a word or words indicating assent to or dissent from such Resolution; and each voting-paper shall, before delivery to the presiding officer, be signed with the name of the ratepayer voting.

14. The Summoning Officer shall supply a sufficient number of such voting-papers at the several polling-places, and shall provide means for such papers being filled up at such polling-places as aforesaid.

15. The person presiding at the poll shall ascertain that the person claiming to vote is entitled so to do.

16. At the close of the poll the person presiding at the poll shall, if he is not the Summoning Officer, as soon as possible transmit the Voting Papers to the Summoning Officer.

17. The Summoning Officer shall, as soon as convenient, proceed to examine the voting-papers, and, if necessary shall continue the examination by adjournment (Sundays excepted) until he has ascertained the decision upon the affirmation or rejection of the Resolution; and such Summoning Officer shall determine any question arising on such examination, including the validity of any voting paper, or otherwise, and his decision shall be final.

18. Any two persons on behalf of the supporters and any two persons on behalf of the opponents of the Resolution may be present at such examination.

If any dispute arises as to the persons who should be present, the Summoning Officer shall appoint two persons from among such supporters and two persons from among such opponents, and his decision shall be final.

19. In case of an equality of votes the Resolution shall be deemed to be rejected.

20. The result of the poll shall be published by the Summoning Officer.

21. Notices and other matters directed by this Order to be published, shall be published in like manner as public notices are usually published in the Parish to which they relate.

22. The Summoning Officer shall be entitled to a reasonable remuneration, to be paid by the Overseers.

23. Words used in this Order shall, so far as is consistent with the context, have the same meaning as the same words used in the Elementary Education Act, 1870.

Their Lordships further resolved as follows—

No requisition for the formation of a School Board under the 31st section of the said Act and the Order dated 21st December, 1870, containing the General Regulations for the first election of School Boards in Parishes not situate within Municipal Boroughs or within the Metropolis, will be issued without taking into considera-

tion the population and area of such Parish, and the expediency of forming a school district larger than such Parish.

F. R. Sandford, Secretary.

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 21st day of December, 1870.

By the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education.

Their Lordships read, and approved, the following—

*General Regulations for the First Election of School Boards in Parishes not situate within Municipal Boroughs, or within the Metropolis.*

THE number of Members of the School Board of a Parish shall be from five to fifteen, as may be determined in each case by the Education Department.

2. The Returning Officer shall be the Clerk of the Union of which the Parish forms part, or the person for the time being discharging the duties of such Clerk.

3. The first election of Members of the School Board shall be held on some day, to be fixed by Returning Officer, and within 28 clear days after the date of the Requisition to elect a School Board, which will be sent to the Returning Officer.

4. Fourteen clear days at least before the day fixed for the election the Returning Officer shall prepare, sign, and publish, such notice of the election as is hereinafter prescribed.

5. The notice shall specify the number of Members to be elected, the day fixed for the election, and a place for the reception of the nomination papers hereinafter mentioned.

The notice shall be in the form annexed to this Order, or to the like effect.

6. After publication of the notice, but not less than ten clear days before the day fixed for the election, any two Ratepayers of the Parish may nominate as a candidate any one person of full age, by sending to, or delivering at, the appointed place, a nomination paper, subscribed by such two persons as aforesaid, and stating the Christian name and Surname, with the place of abode and description of each subscriber, and of the candidate nominated; and the Returning Officer shall send, forthwith, notice of such nomination to each candidate.

7. No nomination paper shall be received after four o'clock in the afternoon of the last day upon which such paper may be received, and no person shall be a candidate unless he has been nominated within the time and in the manner aforesaid.

The Returning Officer shall have power to decide whether any nomination is valid, and his decision shall be final.

8. Eight clear days before the day fixed for the election public notice shall be given of the names, places of abode, and descriptions of the several candidates nominated as aforesaid.

9. After delivery of a nomination paper, but not less than six clear days before the day fixed for the election, any candidate may be withdrawn by delivering, at the place appointed, a notice of such withdrawal, addressed to the Returning Officer, and signed by the candidate.

Such notice shall not be delivered later than four o'clock in the afternoon.

10. If no more persons are nominated as aforesaid than there are members to be elected, such