

taining the last rate made for such parish more than one month previously to any date shall be the register of the Ratepayers entitled to vote in such parish at that date; and every Ratepayer whose name appears in such rate book shall be entitled to vote unless he is disqualified for voting, and no person shall be entitled to vote whose name does not so appear."

8. The voting shall be by ballot.

9. That in this Parish each voter has votes, all of which he may give to one Candidate, or he may distribute all or some of them among the Candidates as he thinks fit.

Dated this day of , 187

Returning Officer.

(State office or address.)

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACTS, 1870 AND 1873.

Orders relating to the Election of School Boards in Parishes.

AT the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 3rd day of October, 1873.

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

I. Their Lordships read and approved the following—

General Regulations as to passing Resolutions "for Application for School Boards" in Parishes not situate within Municipal Boroughs, or within the Metropolis.

WHEREAS, by the twelfth section of "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," application may be made to the Education Department, in certain cases, for leave to form a School Board.

And whereas such application must be made by a Resolution passed in accordance with the provisions of the Second Part of the Second Schedule to the said Act.

And whereas the passing of such Resolution must be in accordance with such Regulations as the Education Department may by Order prescribe.

Now, therefore, the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under the Elementary Education Acts, 1870 and 1873, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:

The following Regulations as to passing any such Resolution as aforesaid shall be observed in any Parish not situate within a Municipal Borough, or within the Metropolis:—

1. Upon requisition in writing, signed by fifty ratepayers entitled to vote in pursuance of "The Elementary Education Act, 1873," or by one-third of the persons who are ratepayers of any Parish, and so entitled to vote, the Summoning Officer shall, within fourteen clear days after receiving such requisition, convene a meeting of such ratepayers as aforesaid, for the purpose of considering such Resolution as hereinafter mentioned.

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

2. Seven clear days, at least, before the day of the meeting, the Summoning Officer shall publish a notice, stating that a requisition has been received by him requiring him to call a meeting of the ratepayers for the purpose of passing a Reso-

lution that it is expedient that a School Board should be formed for the said Parish, and that a meeting of the ratepayers will, accordingly, be held at some convenient time and place (to be specified in such notice), for the purpose of considering such Resolution.

3. Every person who, at the time of the meeting, is entitled to vote in the Election of members of a School Board for the Parish, shall be entitled to be present and to vote at such meeting, and every such ratepayer shall have one vote only.

4. At the time and place so specified, some person chosen at the meeting shall take the Chair, and any such ratepayer as aforesaid, may propose such Resolution as aforesaid, to be seconded by some other such ratepayer as aforesaid.

5. If no such Resolution is proposed and seconded at the time and place aforesaid, or if the same is withdrawn or negatived, the Chairman shall declare the Resolution to have been negatived, and shall publish notice thereof. The Resolution may at any time, before the taking of the poll, be withdrawn by the two ratepayers who proposed and seconded the same; and, in such case, no further proceedings shall be taken in respect of the poll.

6. If the Resolution, duly proposed and seconded, is carried, and no demand for a poll is made, the Chairman shall declare the Resolution to have been passed, and shall publish notice thereof.

7. Any ten of such ratepayers as aforesaid may make demand in writing, to be delivered to the said Chairman at the meeting, that a poll be taken on such Resolution, and the same shall be taken, unless the major part of such ratepayers so signing the writing withdraw the same by notice in writing to the Chairman at the meeting or to the Summoning Officer after the meeting, who shall publish notice thereof.

8. If a poll be taken the Summoning Officer shall fix the day of taking the poll, which shall be not less than ten clear days after the day fixed for such meeting as aforesaid, and the said Officer shall publish notice thereof.

9. The Summoning Officer shall determine the number and situation of the polling stations, and for this purpose may cause any Parish to be divided into polling districts. The said Officer shall cause the boundaries of such districts, and the number and situation of the polling stations to be published not less than *three* clear days before the day fixed for the polling.

The Summoning Officer shall provide everything which in the case of a Municipal Election is required to be provided by the Mayor for the purpose of a poll.

No public house shall be used as a polling place.

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 station, provided that only one person shall preside at the same time.

12. The poll shall commence at such an hour not earlier than eight A.M., and close at such an hour not later than eight P.M., as shall be fixed by the Summoning Officer, but the poll shall be open for seven hours and no more.

13. Subject to the provisions of this Order, the poll shall be conducted in like manner, so far as circumstances admit, as a poll at a contested Muni-