

cipal Election is directed by "The Ballot Act, 1872," to be conducted; and subject as aforesaid the provisions of that Act shall apply to the voting for or against the resolution, Provided that:

- a. The Ballot Paper shall be in the form annexed to this Order, and the cross indicating assent to, or dissent from, the Resolution, shall be placed opposite the word "For," or the word "Against," as the case may be, and the form of directions, for the guidance of the voter in voting, shall be altered accordingly.
- b. Every voter shall be entitled to one vote.
- c. The "Returning Officer" shall mean the Summoning Officer hereinbefore mentioned.
- d. The expression "Register of Voters" means the book containing the last rate made for the Parish, more than one month previously to the date of the requisition hereinbefore mentioned.
- e. The provisions of sections three, four, eleven, and twenty-four of "The Ballot Act, 1872," shall be deemed to be regulations contained in this Order which involve a penalty within the meaning of section ninety of "The Elementary Education Act, 1870."

14. The person presiding at the poll may, and if required by any two voters shall, put to any voter at the time of his applying for a Ballot Paper, but not afterwards, the following questions, or one of them, but no other:—

- (1.) Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Book containing the Rate made on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ and rated therein for the property described as \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify date and property in Rate Book.)

- (2.) Have you already voted on this occasion?

And no person required to answer any of the said questions shall be permitted or qualified to vote unless he has answered the same.

15. Any two persons on behalf of the supporters and any two persons on behalf of the opponents of the Resolution may be present at each polling station and at the counting of the votes.

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.

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

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

18. The Summoning Officer shall keep the Ballot Papers and all other documents connected with the poll for six months, subject to the directions of the Education Department, and shall then, unless otherwise ordered by the said Department, cause them to be destroyed.

19. 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.

20. The Summoning Officer shall be entitled to such reasonable expenses as may have been incurred by him, and to a reasonable remuneration for his services, to be paid by the Overseers. Provided that if any question should arise between the said Officer and the Overseers as to such expenses or remuneration, such question shall be referred to the Education Department, whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

21. Words used in this Order shall, so far as is consistent with the context, have the same mean-

ing as the same words used in the Elementary Education Acts, 1870, 1873.

*Form of Ballot Paper.*

Counterfoil No.	Are you for or against a School Board?
	For (Place for cross)
	Against (Place for cross)

NOTE.—The Counterfoil is to have a number to correspond with that at the back of the Ballot Paper.

*Form of Back of Ballot Paper.*

No.

NOTE.—The number on the Ballot Paper is to correspond with that on the Counterfoil.

It will be observed that the following Regulation No. II, refers to the cases covered by Section 11, of "The Elementary Education Amendment Act, 1873," when it is desired to have one School Board for several Parishes, united into one School District. In this case the requisition must be presented and a resolution, such as that described in paragraph 2 of No. II, must be passed by the ratepayers of each of the Parishes which it is proposed to unite.

- II. Their Lordships also read and approved the following:—

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

Whereas, by the twelfth section of "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," and the eleventh section of "The Elementary Education Amendment Act, 1873," 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 said eleventh section and the Second Part of the Second Schedule to "The Elementary Education Act, 1870."

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.