

of such sum as the Board think reasonable not exceeding sixpence per copy.

"19. No person shall be entitled to vote at the election for any year unless his name appears on the Register then in force. Each elector shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled.

"20. On the first day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four and on the first day of November in every subsequent third year the electors shall elect Commissioners. If any Commissioner dies resigns or becomes incompetent to act or ceases to be a Commissioner from any other cause than that of going out of office by rotation every vacancy so occasioned shall be filled up by the remaining traders' and shipowners' Commissioners who shall within one month after such vacancy occurs elect a person duly qualified in place of the Commissioner so dying resigning becoming incompetent or ceasing to be a Commissioner and the Commissioner to be so elected shall continue in office for the same period that the person in whose place he is elected would in ordinary course have continued and he shall go out of office accordingly but shall be eligible for re-election if otherwise duly qualified.

"21. On the thirty-first of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven and on the same day in every subsequent third year the Commissioners shall retire from office and the vacancies occasioned by every such retirement shall be supplied by the election of Commissioners in their stead, but every Commissioner about to retire shall if otherwise duly qualified be eligible for re-election.

"22. No person shall be eligible as a Commissioner unless seven clear days at least before the day of election he has been (in the form hereinafter set forth or to the like effect) proposed by an elector and seconded by another elector and has intimated his willingness to be elected in writing signed by his proposer seconder and himself and delivered at or sent by registered letter to the office of the Board.

"23. In the event of a sufficient number of persons to supply vacancies not being proposed for election the vacancies so occurring shall be filled up as casual vacancies are filled up.

"24. Where at any election the number of persons nominated does not exceed the number of vacancies to be supplied the Clerk shall affix to the door of the Principal Office of the Board a notice to that effect and shall forthwith declare that the persons so nominated will be deemed to be elected.

"25. If the number of persons nominated exceed the number of vacancies the persons to be from time to time elected shall be the persons receiving the greatest number of votes. If any person elected shall otherwise be a Commissioner his office shall forthwith be declared by the Board to be vacant and the vacancy so occasioned shall be filled up in manner provided with respect to the filling up of casual vacancies.

"26. With respect to the first Register and its revision the first election of Commissioners and other like matters the following temporary provisions shall apply (*videlicet*):—

"(a.) On or before the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four the Trustees shall appoint a person to perform the powers and duties of the Board with respect to the Register.

"(b.) On or before the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four the Trustees shall appoint three persons to be revisers of the first Register (two of whom

shall be a quorum) who shall perform the powers and duties of the revisers with respect to the revision of the Register.

"(c.) The first election shall be held at such place in the borough as the Trustees appoint and the person appointed in that behalf shall perform the powers and duties of Returning Officer with regard thereto.

"(d.) The 'Office of the Board' shall mean such place as is by any of the above appointments or by any advertisement or notice or otherwise fixed by the respective persons so appointed.

"(e.) All persons shall be entitled to do all such acts and things as if the said respective persons so appointed as aforesaid were the persons or body by whom their respective powers and duties would be performed after these temporary provisions cease.

"(f.) All the reasonable expenses incurred by the Trustees and the respective persons appointed by them (including such remuneration to them for their services as the Trustees may prescribe) in the execution of these temporary provisions shall be paid by the Board.

"27. The Clerk of the said Harbour Commissioners or failing him a person to be appointed by the Mayor of the borough (both of whom are herein referred to as 'the Returning Officer') shall be the Returning Officer whose decision in reference to any question at the election shall except as otherwise provided by this Scheme be final.

"28. Subject to the following provisions if an election of Commissioners is contested the poll shall so far as circumstances admit be conducted in the same manner as the poll at a contested Parliamentary Election is by The Ballot Act 1872 directed to be conducted and subject to the modifications hereinafter expressed and the other provisions hereof the provisions of that Act relating to a poll at a Parliamentary Election (including the provisions relating to the duties of the Returning Officer after the close of the poll) shall apply to a poll at an election of Commissioners.

"29. The following are the modifications lastly referred to:—

"(a.) The provisions of the Ballot Act with respect to the duty of a Returning Officer the day of the poll the use of a room for taking a poll and the right to vote of persons whose names are on the Register.

"(b.) The poll at an election of Commissioners shall take place on the first day of November in each year in which an election takes place.

"(c.) The ballot paper need not contain any further description of the candidates than their names places of abode and qualification.

"(d.) The Returning Officer shall provide everything which in the case of a Parliamentary Election is required to be provided by the Returning Officer for the purposes of a poll and shall appoint officers for taking the poll and counting the votes.

"(e.) The Returning Officer shall furnish every polling station with such number of compartments in which the voters can mark their votes screened from observation and furnish each presiding officer with such number of ballot papers as in the judgment of the Returning Officer may be necessary for effectually taking the poll at the election.

"(f.) If any agent of a candidate be appointed at any election and a notice in writing of such appointment is given to the Returning Officer