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REGISTRATION OF VOTES IN IRELAND.

A BILL.

Enacted the Law relative to the Registration of Votes in Ireland, and to taking the Poll at Elections in that part of the United Kingdom, prepared by Mr. Sergeant O'Connell and Lord Viscount Morpeth.

1. After the first of July next, no person shall have the right of voting in any place in Ireland (except the University of Dublin) unless registered according to this act.

2. Clerk of Peace for each county, shall, on or before the 1st of August next, deliver to collector of grand jury cess an alphabetical list of registered voters, and claimants to register for such county.

3. Any person unregistered on the 1st of August in any year, and claiming to register as a voter for any county, shall in the first week of the month of April next, give to the clerk of the peace or collector of cess (in April) a notice of intention to register, and an alphabetical list of such voters and claimants shall be made and published by such collector before the 10th May in each year. Copy of such list to be deposited with clerk of session, and clerk of the peace.

4. Such collector shall notify in list any voters who have died or become disqualified. Copy of list to be open for inspection at the office of clerk of the peace on payment of one shilling.

5. Town clerk and clerks of peace having custody of affidavits relating to registry of voters for any city, town, or borough, shall, on the 10th of May in each year, publish an alphabetical list of such voters and claimants to vote for such city, town or borough. Copy of such lists to be deposited in the office of town clerk and clerk of the peace, and open for inspection on payment of one shilling. When registry shall be formed, no voter thereon, &c., shall be required to claim so long as he shall retain the qualification in respect whereof he shall be registered, &c.

6. Compensation to assistant barristers for registering under 3 and 4. Wm. IV. c. 68. 67., to cease.—Lord Lieutenant may appoint eleven barristers of not less than five years' standing, to revise lists, &c., and no barrister to serve in parliament for any place in which he acted as revising barrister, within seven years.

7. The Lord Lieutenant may divide counties, &c., into districts, and appoint places therein for holding special sessions for revising said lists. Notice thereof to be published in Dublin Gazette, and in a newspaper published in said county, &c., and to be posted.

8. Revising barrister shall attend at such places, and investigate claims to register. The lists to be called over three times. Clerk of peace, town clerk, or deputy, an collector of cess shall attend, together with lists.

9. Revising barrister shall examine objections to qualification of voters occurring since former revision; notice being served of the application on the voter.

10. Collector of municipal taxes shall attend at such sessions, and produce books, &c., showing sums assessed in any city, town, or borough, and persons liable to pay the same. Defaulters for more than six months to be struck off the register, &c.

11. Revising barrister to strike the names of voters dying or becoming disqualified off the register. Not to prejudice claims to register in respect of any other qualification.

12. Revising barrister shall cause corrected list, certified by his signature, to be preserved among records of county, and clerk of the peace or town clerk shall cause a general registry of voters to be made therefrom and published within six days after the revising session. A copy of the same to be given to any person applying on payment of a shilling.

13. No person allowed to object to voter or claimant, or to appeal against decision of revising barrister, who shall not be himself a voter. Costs may be awarded to voter or claimant, to be paid by person objecting or appealing.

14. Revising session shall commence on 29th May, and terminate on 1st July in each year, unless Lord Lieutenant direct the contrary.

15. Persons duly registered under this act shall be entitled to vote at any election held before the first July in the next succeeding year, or at which polling shall have commenced before that day, unless previously disqualified by revising barrister, &c.

16. Salary of revising barristers £300 a year.

17. In the case of illness of a revising barrister, Lord Lieutenant may employ a pleader in lieu.

18. If revising barrister shall die, &c., during the session, the same shall be adjourned for not exceeding one week, and notice thereof transmitted to Lord Lieutenant, who may appoint another barrister or revising barrister to proceed thereto.

19. If no revising barrister attend at such adjourned session, the same shall be adjourned to the next revising session for such county, &c., or, if in Dublin, then to the next commission of the peace.

20. Persons objecting to right of any person to vote may appeal to next going judge of assize. Notice of appeal to be served on the voter within four days after the close of the session.

21. When revising barristers shall strike names off register or reject claims, they shall set forth the reason thereof in a book. Persons whose names may be so struck off and claimants rejected, may appeal in like manner. Notice to be served as above.

22. Individuals may appeal against decision of revising barristers to superior courts in Dublin. Notice of the same to be served on the voter two days before the hearing of the appeal.

23. A list of names of persons registered and of those appealing, to be published and posted within six days after the end of the revising sessions.

24. Clerk of peace and town clerk shall annex to list of voters, &c., to be produced at revising session, a certificate in form of schedule B, annexed to and read in any list, out of such as are named in the act, under penalty of £100.

25. Law in force as to registry of voters to continue, save as by this altered.

26. Persons struck off register, or barrister, by judge, or the committee of House of Commons, or claimants rejected, may apply to register, notwithstanding any revising session.

27. Appeal may be made against the right of being registered. Judge may order voter objected to, &c., to be paid by the person objecting.

28. Person appealing to give security for costs, or, in lieu of security may deposit the sum of 40s.

29. Oath required to be taken by £50 freeholders, under 2d and 3d William IV. c. 68, may be taken in any of the superior courts in Dublin.

30. Names of persons by birth, &c., not to be registered, unless such right has been allowed for twenty years previous to March, 1831.

31. All elections to commence on the day after the same shall be demanded, and to continue two days.

32. A polling place to be provided for each two hundred voters.

33. Clerk of peace shall before every election deliver to the returning officer so many copies of list revised register as he shall require.

34. No inquiry as to time of election, except as to validity of voter, and whether he has voted before at the same election. False answers punishable as perjury. All oaths abolished, except the bribery oath.

35. Defines what expenses are legal—Be it enacted and declared, that no sheriff, under sheriff, returning officer, clerk of the peace, town clerk, assessor or legal adviser of returning officer, constable or other officer or person officially employed at any future election, shall demand or receive from any candidate or any other person any gratuity, fee or reward, for any money, security, or valuable thing whatsoever, for or in respect of any service or work performed, or to be performed, or pretended to have been performed at any such election either by himself or by any other person employed by or under such directions demand to receive from any such candidate or any other person any gratuity, fee or reward, or any money, security or valuable thing whatsoever, in respect of any service or work performed, or to be performed, or pretended to have been performed at any such election, save as in this act mentioned; nor shall any of the officers or persons aforesaid, demand or receive from any candidate or any other person any money, security, or valuable thing whatsoever, for or in respect of any money advanced or paid, or to be advanced or paid, or pretended to have been advanced or paid, or for or in respect of any expenses or liabilities incurred or to be incurred or pretended to have been incurred in, about or relating to any such election or proceeding thereat, or any such officer or other person as aforesaid or person employed by or under the direction of any such officer or other person aforesaid, who shall demand or receive from any other candidate or any other person any such gratuity, fee, reward, money, security or other valuable thing, for or in respect of any such service or work performed, or to be performed, or pretended to have been performed, goods supplied or to be supplied or pretended to have been supplied, money advanced or paid, or to be advanced or paid, or pretended to have been advanced or paid, or expenses or liability incurred or to be incurred or pretended to have been incurred respectively in, about or relating to any such election or proceeding thereat, save as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay treble the value of any such gratuity, fee, or reward, sum of money, security or other valuable thing so demanded, received, paid or delivered to any person, who shall sue for the same in any of His Majesty's courts of record at Dublin; provided always that no such action shall be commenced after the period of years shall have elapsed from the time of such demand, receipt, payment or delivery.

36. Returns not liable to stamp duty.

37. Houses may be used for polling instead of booths.

38. Persons voting twice at the same election guilty of a misdemeanor.

39. Writs of election, &c., to be free of postage.

40. Compensation to deputies and poll clerks, and returning officers.

41. Lord Lieutenant may withhold salary from revising barrister in case of wilful neglect, &c.

42. A certificate to be given to any voter, on demand, by clerk of peace and town clerk; fee, sixpence.

on any gratuity, fee or reward, for any money, security, or valuable thing whatsoever, for or in respect of any service or work performed, or to be performed, or pretended to have been performed at any such election either by himself or by any other person employed by or under such directions demand to receive from any such candidate or any other person any gratuity, fee or reward, or any money, security or valuable thing whatsoever, in respect of any service or work performed, or to be performed, or pretended to have been performed at any such election, save as in this act mentioned; nor shall any of the officers or persons aforesaid, demand or receive from any candidate or any other person any money, security, or valuable thing whatsoever, for or in respect of any money advanced or paid, or to be advanced or paid, or pretended to have been advanced or paid, or for or in respect of any expenses or liabilities incurred or to be incurred or pretended to have been incurred in, about or relating to any such election or proceeding thereat, or any such officer or other person as aforesaid or person employed by or under the direction of any such officer or other person aforesaid, who shall demand or receive from any other candidate or any other person any such gratuity, fee, reward, money, security or other valuable thing, for or in respect of any such service or work performed, or to be performed, or pretended to have been performed, goods supplied or to be supplied or pretended to have been supplied, money advanced or paid, or to be advanced or paid, or pretended to have been advanced or paid, or expenses or liability incurred or to be incurred or pretended to have been incurred respectively in, about or relating to any such election or proceeding thereat, save as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay treble the value of any such gratuity, fee, or reward, sum of money, security or other valuable thing so demanded, received, paid or delivered to any person, who shall sue for the same in any of His Majesty's courts of record at Dublin; provided always that no such action shall be commenced after the period of years shall have elapsed from the time of such demand, receipt, payment or delivery.

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45. Copy of register furnished to returning officer to be evidence of right of persons therein to vote.

46. Penalties on clerk of peace, town clerk, &c., for breach of duty.

47. Roll of freemen not to be called over at time of polling, nor any priority to them given.

48. Penalty on disqualified persons voting, £100.

49. Compensation to collectors of grand jury cess, high constable, and collectors of rates.

50. When there is no collector of grand jury cess, clerk of peace to fulfil the duties of such collector prescribed by this act.

51. Right of voting in boroughs, &c., to be enjoyed by joint occupiers of premises, when the clear annual value shall give a sum of £10 for each.

52. Revising barrister to estimate beneficial interest of voter in premises—10th G. IV. c. 9.

For the expense of the indenture, making proclamations, making the return, stationery, and all other incidental expenses £5 0 0

Expenses of deputies, at two pounds two shillings for each

Expenses of poll clerks, at one pound one shilling for each

Expenses of booths or polling places actually erected, exclusive of the polling places in the court house or other public building

THE REGISTRY AGAINST RUFUS, JUN., AND CO. (FROM THURSDAY'S CHRONICLE.)

We feel it our duty to remind the Household of Waterford that they should be on the *qui vive* to have the Registry properly upheld—this is the period for action, every man should be at his post—the enemies of the people are on the watch. The Corporation are about to make their inglorious exit, by admitting a band of the right sort to their freedom. Indeed within the last year they have been tolerably industrious at this work. But the time of ascendancy has gone by, and the machinations of the Corporation, and all such immaculate bodies, will prove utterly abortive for their exclusive purposes. What a pretty set of voters of this class were exhibited at the last election. To a man they drew up in regular order before Mr. Christmas, and demanded their price. When this respectable gentleman saw the clan by whom he was to be supported, and the sordid feelings by which they were actuated, he at once withdrew from the contest. The other day when the *Octogenarian* and *Rufus, Jun.*, with their worthy co-freemen, held their first and last meeting, one of the deluded members of this impudent association rose, when a subscription was proposed, and stated that he never would contribute a single shilling to obtain the freedom of such persons as the filthy creatures who so signally disgraced themselves and the party to which they were attached, at the last election. These few, but rational, observations, though made by a humble man, nipped, in the bud, the Orange seed which had just been planted. Every member admitted the base delinquency of the *sons of Collette* which had been created from time to time by the wretched Corporation of the *Urbs Intacta*—To the honest people of all religious denominations, we again repeat the injunction—look to the registry; the time is fast approaching when you will be called on to ex-

ercise your suffrages as men desirous to benefit your country. Counteract the workings of the Corporation and *Cromwell*, and the *Norman* and *Rufus, Jun.*, and *Micky* and *Teig*. It is now too late to serve your notices for the ensuing sessions; but every man who has a vote to register should be in time for April. Let a committee of independent citizens be formed—admit every man of every religious denomination into that committee—no distinction should be longer known amongst Irishmen—to benefit the human race and extend the glorious principles of liberty should be our motto. The exclusive faction and the abettors of Tory intolerance should be avoided as so many living pestilences. Again, we say, union amongst all classes of Irishmen for the benefit of our common country.

MR. BUCKINGHAM'S CLAIMS.

The *Saw* of Thursday has published a long and interesting document on the services rendered by Mr. Buckingham to his country—the long cruel and unmerited persecution to which he has been exposed, and the just claims which he possesses to compensation, for the severe pecuniary losses entailed upon him by the oppressive and arbitrary government of India. It appears that Mr. Buckingham has well nigh exhausted a long and honorable life, passed in incessant toil for the benefit and amelioration of his fellow-creatures, the close of which must be clouded with pecuniary difficulties occasioned by the plunder of his property, unless the public come forward and reimburse him to some extent, for the sacrifices which he has endured in the cause of liberty and social regeneration. Did Mr. Buckingham possess no further claim upon national gratitude than what he derives from his successful efforts to open the eyes of the nation to the impolicy of allowing the East India Company a renewal of their monopolizing charter!—were his services confined to this alone they would surely entitle him to an ample share of national bounty.—But this is only one of the many benefits conferred by Mr. Buckingham on the cause of civilization. The good and effectual service rendered to India, and indeed to the East, by the *Calcutta Journal*, of which Mr. Buckingham was the originator and the conductor, and which may be said to have pioneered the way for all the improvements that have since followed, ranks him high among the benefactors of the human race. The tyranny, the cruel and heartless injustice, the fierce and rampant despotism which banished him from his home, and trampled his well-earned property in the dust—this act of unbridled atrocity is one of the darkest recorded in the pages of Indian history, and calls aloud for indemnification, if not for punishment. We shall not at present allude to the Tory majority, backed by that little unstarved Mr. Roebuck, which defeated his just claims. We shall only observe, that justice and gratitude alike, require that the public should afford redress for unmerited oppression, which has been refused by their representatives. The object of Mr. Buckingham's friends, is to purchase an annuity for his life, and that of his wife, most earnestly do we wish them all the success which their philanthropic intentions merit.

MR. HATCHELL, K. C.

The paragraph which first appeared in this journal respecting the above gentleman, and the case of Flannigan, having been made the subject of remark, we deem it necessary, in justification, to observe, that what was there stated came not from ourselves, (and so said so at the time), but was inserted on the authority and at the request of Mr. W. Phelan. Mr. Phelan called at our office on Monday, and mentioned, nearly verbatim, what appeared the next day, observing that as it was out of his power to have his statement in time for publication, he would esteem it a favour to have a few lines written in order to stop the rumour affecting his character. This was done according to his desire, and upon Tuesday, Counselor Harris called to have the letter inserted, which bore Mr. Phelan's signature. We were at once struck with the different tone of the two statements, and conceiving that we had been intentionally led into error, we considered it due to ourselves to receive no further communications through the same channel unless as advertisements, and as such we could not refuse them. This, we are quite sure, will be a sufficient explanation to the friends of Mr. Hatchell and the public for our *authorised* observations.

It is the duty of a journalist to abstain from every assertion affecting individuals, until he has what he considers a sufficient reference for their truth; with this safeguard he is entitled to deal censure or approbation as the subject merits. Seeing that the late paragraph has been copied into other newspapers, we lose no time in requesting that they will also copy its refutation.





