

Reform Bill
for
Ireland.

Preamble declares,
that it is expedient to shorten
the duration of Polls at
Elections for Members to serve
in Parliaments, and to correct
certain abuses in the mode
of returning Members for the
Cities, Boroughs Towns &c
and to shorten the duration
of Parliaments.—

Sec. I. Enacts, that the
Laws for the Elections of
Members to serve in Parliaments
shall continue in force,
except as hereinafter excepted.

2. Enacts, that all Beneficial
Clergymen shall register as
£50 Freeholders, in the
Barony from whence they
claim to vote.—

3. Enacts, that Sheriff
shall hold a Court for
the Nomination of Candidates
after the Teste of Wit, and

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if a Poll is there demanded
he shall adjourn the Courts
and shall appoint proper
persons to act as his Deputies
in taking the Poll in each
Barony in the County. -

4. Enacts, That Sheriff
shall erect Booths, and
appoint Poll Clerks in each
Barony. -

5. Enacts That Sheriff
shall appoint the day next
but one, after the day of nomi-
-ation, for Election to commence,
and such Election shall finish
& determine on the day
next succeeding. -

6. Enacts, That Sheriff
shall hold a Court, before 12
o'clock on the fifth day, after
the day of nomination, and
shall there declare the names
of Members returned to serve
in Parliament for said County.

7. Enacts, That Deputy
Sheriffs shall transmit the
numbers of votes for each
candidate, at the close of
the Poll each day to
Sheriff at the County Town.

8. Enacts, That Freeholders at Election shall declare on oath, if required by Deputy Sheriff, that the certificate he then produces, is the same he received at the time of the Registry of his Freehold, and that he continues in possession of said Freehold, and has not before voted at that Election.

9. Repeals, parts of certain Acts now in force relating to the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, for Cities, Boroughs, & Towns in Ireland.

10. Enacts, That Mayor, Marshal, or Sovereign, or other returning Officer, shall on the Teste of Writ, hold a Court for the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, & if a Poll be demanded, he shall adjourn the said Court, & shall appoint so many proper places for holding the said Poll, that not more than one thousand persons shall poll in every Booth at that Election; and that all persons shall vote in the Parish, or district in which they reside.

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11 Enacts, that Mayor,
or other returning Officer
shall appoint for other persons
as his Deputies, erect Booths,
appoint Poll Clerks, &c. &c.

12. Enacts, that Mayor &c.
shall appoint the day next
but one, after the day of
nomination, for Election to
commence, such Election
to finish, & determine, on
the day next succeeding; &
that Mayor &c. shall declare
the name or names of the
Member, or Members, chosen
to serve for said City or Borough
in Parliament, before 12 o'clock
on the fifth day after the
day of nomination. —

13. Enacts, That the right
of Electing Members to serve
in Parliament, shall be in
all persons who shall possess
a house of the yearly
value of £12 or upwards,
or who shall rent a house
of the value of £12 clear
of all deductions. —

14 Enacts, That Mayor, Sovereign, or Seneschal &c. shall hold a Court of which one month's notice shall be given, once in every six months, for registering the votes of persons claiming to vote at Elections of Members of Parliament.—

15. Enacts, That all persons claiming to vote, shall have registered their names with Mayor, or other returning Officer, at least six months previous to the Election at which they claim to vote.—

16. Enacts, That notice of claim to vote shall be delivered to Mayor &c. at least ten days previous to the day on which the Court shall be held, and that the names of persons claiming to vote, shall be placed by him on the Church Door, Chapel, or other usual place of posting notices.

17. — Enacts, That at such Court, Claimant shall prove that he is the owner of a House of the

of the yearly value of £ 12. or
that he rents a house of the
yearly value of £ 12 as the
case may be & shall take
& subscribe, the oath following.

" I. A. B. do swear that I
possess a House in which I
reside, & have resided for the
last six months, of the clear
yearly value of £ 12. & that
a solvent Tenant would
give £ 12. for the same
clear of all deductions." or

" I. A. B. do swear that I
rent a House of the yearly
value of £ 12. clear of all
deductions, in which I reside,
& have resided for the last
six months, so help me God."

And that if Mayor, &c. is
satisfied, that such claim
is fair, & justly made, he shall
cause the name of such
claimant to be registered
according to the usual form
of registry in Counties in
Ireland, and shall deliver
to Claimant a certificate
of the same.

18. Enacts, That it shall be lawful for any person to question in open Court the right of such claimant to register, either from insufficiency of value, or any other cause.

19. Enacts, That if Claimant is refused by Mayor &c. on insufficiency of value, or any other cause, he may appeal to Assistant Barrister at the Quarter Sessions next succeeding, and held in County in which Claimant resides.

20. Enacts, That Mayor &c. shall cause the names of all persons having a right to vote, to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose, and that he shall permit copies of such Book to be taken on the payment of two shillings & six pence.

21. Enacts, That Mayor &c. shall be subject to a penalty of £ 100, for neglecting to keep such Book, or to make the proper entries therein.

22. Enacts, That any person voting on a false certificate, or having left or changed his residence, after such certificate was granted, and who shall attempt to vote on the same shall be subject to a penalty of 20£.

23. Enacts, That all Parsons shall be registered within three years before the Teste of Writ.

24. Enacts, That Voter at Election shall declare on Oath, if required by returning Officer, that he has occupied the premises described in the certificate at all times since such certificate was granted, & that he is the person who received such certificate from Mayor &c. and that he has not before voted at that Election, and that no other question shall be put to Voter, having verified such certificate on oath at that Election -
Proof of non identity to be received.

25. Enacts, That whereas certain persons have exercised a right of voting at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament for Cities, Boroughs, & Towns in Ireland, That such persons shall continue to exercise such right, provided, they shall have registered the same according to the provisions of this Act, taking & subscribing the Oath following instead of the Oath therein prescribed. "I, A. B. do swear that I am a Burgess, Freeman or Freeman's Son, or have married the daughter of a Freeman (or, specifying the right by which he claims to vote, as the case may be) of the City of ——— wherein I reside, or have resided, for the last six months."

And that such persons shall continue to exercise such right for the term of their natural life. —

26. Enacts, That no person shall vote under the provisions of this Act, who shall not have claimed their freedom within six months of the passing of this Act. —

27. Enacts, That in Counties of Cities, & Counties of Towns, all persons having a right to vote as Freeholders of the same, shall continue to exercise such right, during the term of their natural life, provided they shall have registered the same, according to the provisions of this Act, and by taking & subscribing the oath following, instead of the oath therein prescribed; "I. A. B. do swear that I have a Freehold in the County of the City (or Town) of ——— wherein I reside and have resided for the last six months."

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Entitled an Act for regulating
the Elective Franchise in Ireland.

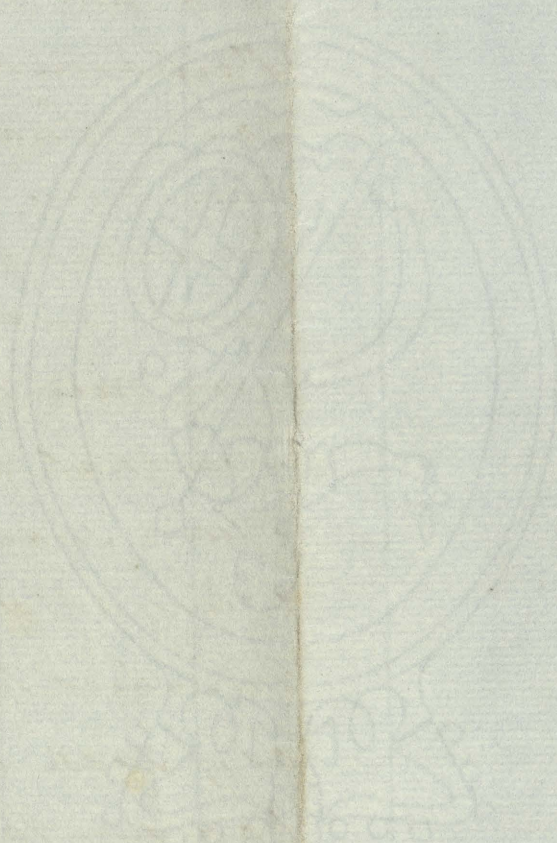
29. Enacts, That in all
future Elections, the Cities
of Limerick, Waterford,
and Belfast shall each
send two Members to
Parliament.

30. Enacts, That persons
having registered under the
provisions of this Act, not-
withstanding the election of
any new Mayor, Sovereign,
Seneschal, or other returning
officer, shall be capable of
voting at the Election of
Members to serve in Parliament
as if such election of Mayor &c.
had not taken place.

31. Enacts, That the
duration of Parliaments
shall not exceed five years.

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Armagh	Earl of Suffolk	
Carlow	Lord Downes	
Caoman	Lord Farquhar	
Clare		
Down in 2 Divisions	{ Earl of Shannon Marq ^s . of Monmouth Du.	
Dougal		
Down	Marquess of Downshire	
Dublin	Earl of Meath	
Downpatrick	Earl of Evershille	
Galway	Earl of Clarendon	Du. P. Clontarf.
Kerry	Earl of Kenmare	
Kildare	Duke of Lancaster	
Kilkenny	Marquis of Ormonde	
Kings Co.	Earl of Kells or W. Westmore	
Litrim	Lord Clements Du. as to his Father	
Limerick	Du Lord Dunraven	
Longford	Biscount Forbes	
Louth	Earl of Roden Du. P. Ferrard	
Mayo	Marquis of Sligo	
Meath	Earl of Fingall	
Monaghan	Lord Keshmere	Du. W. Abercorn - W. Portland
Queen's Co.	Earl of Rosart Du. P. De Vesie	
Roscommon	Bis. Lorton	
Sligo		
Tipperary	{ Earl of Donoughmore Lord Temple or Lord Dunsany	
in 2 Divisions		

