

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1918.

CHARGES OF RETURNING OFFICERS AT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon Us by Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, We, being Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, hereby prescribe that the Returning Officer shall be entitled in respect of the conduct of Parliamentary Elections other than University Elections in England and Wales to his reasonable charges not exceeding the sums hereinafter set forth, provided that the charges for disbursements are in no case to exceed the sums actually and necessarily paid or payable.

A.—FOR SERVICES OF RETURNING OFFICERS.

I.—IN A CONTESTED ELECTION.

£ s. d.

- (i) Fee for conducting the election and generally performing all the duties which a Returning Officer is required to perform under any enactments relating to Parliamentary Elections (other than any duties in connection with voting by absent voters for which a separate fee is prescribed by this scale).

For every constituency in a Parliamentary County—

(a) if the number of registered electors does not exceed 25,000 ... 50 0 0

(b) if the number of registered electors exceeds 25,000—for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof an additional ... 1 0 0

For every constituency in a Parliamentary Borough—

(a) if the number of registered electors does not exceed 25,000 ... 40 0 0

(b) if the number of registered electors exceeds 25,000—for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof an additional ... 1 0 0

- (ii) Additional fee for services in connection with the dispatch and receipt of the ballot papers of absent voters—

(a) if the number of absent voters in the constituency (excluding proxy voters) does not exceed 5,000 ... 10 0 0

(b) if the number exceeds 5,000—for each additional 500 or fraction thereof an additional ... 0 10 0

.—IN AN UNCONTESTED ELECTION.

One-fourth of the above sums.

Where the general duties of a returning officer are performed by an acting returning officer the above fees shall be paid to such acting returning officer, and shall include any payments made to a deputy acting returning officer for the discharge of any duties of an acting returning officer which may be assigned to him.

B.—DISBURSEMENTS.

I.—IN A CONTESTED ELECTION.

In a constituency in
a Parliamentary
County. In a constituency in
a Parliamentary
Borough.

£ s. d. £ s. d.

1. For each presiding officer, to include all expenses other than any travelling expenses authorised by this scale ...

4 4 0 3 3 0

2. For one clerk at each polling station where not more than 500 voters are assigned to such station ...

1 10 0 1 5 0

For an additional clerk at a polling station for every number of 500 voters or fraction thereof beyond the first 500 assigned to such polling station ...

1 10 0 1 5 0

(In calculating the number of voters assigned to any polling station, absent voters, other than proxy voters, must be excluded).

3. For the remuneration of persons engaged in counting the votes—

(a) if the number of registered electors in the constituency does not exceed 20,000—a total sum of ...

14 0 0 14 0 0

(b) if the number of electors exceeds 20,000—for each additional 2,000 electors, or fraction thereof, an additional ...

1 0 0 1 0 0

4. For the remuneration of persons employed for the purpose of dispatching and receiving the ballot papers of absent voters—

(a) if the number of absent voters (excluding proxy voters) does not exceed 5,000 ...

40 0 0 40 0 0