



## **Election of Guardians of the Poor Bradford Union**

I, William Timbrell, Clerk of the Bradford Union do hereby give Notice;

1 – That the number of the Guardians of the Poor to be elected for the parishes in the said Union is as follows:- For the parish of Bradford, 13 Guardians; for the parish of Westwood, 2 ditto; for the parish of Monkton Farleigh, 2 ditto; for the parish of Broughton Gifford, 2 ditto; for the parish of Great Chalfield, 1 Guardian; for the parish of Little Chalfield, 1 ditto; for the parish of Winkfield, 2 Guardians; for the parish of Freshford 2 ditto.

2 – That any person not otherwise disqualified by law who shall be rated to the poor rate in any parish in the said Union in respect of hereditaments of the annual value or rental of forty pounds, is qualified to become a candidate for the office of Guardian at the said election.

3 – That any rate payer who shall have been rated to the poor rate in any parish in the said Union, for the whole year immediately preceding his voting, and shall have paid the parochial rates and assessments made and assessed on him for one whole year, as well as those due from him at the time of voting, except those which have been made or become due within six months immediately preceding such voting, will be entitled, on the election of Guardians for the said parish, to the number of votes following (that is to say):- if he be rated at £200, but under £400, he will have 2 votes; and if rated at £400 or more, he will have 3 votes.

And that any owner of rateable property situate within the said parish, who shall have given to one of the overseers thereof, previous to the day on which he shall claim to vote, a statement in writing of his name and address, and the description of property in the parish, as owner whereof he claims to vote, will be entitled to have the number of votes at the election of the Guardians for the said township as follows (that is to say):- if the aggregate amount of the assessment, for the time being, of any property belonging to such owner in such parish, or on any person or persons in respect of the same to the poor rates, shall not amount to £50, he will have 1 vote; if the same shall amount to £50, and not to £75, he will have 2 votes; if the same shall amount to £75, and not to £100, he will have 3 votes; if the same shall amount to £100, and not to £125, he will have 4 votes; if the same shall amount to £125, and not to £150, he will have 5 votes; if the same shall amount to 150, or upwards he will have 6 votes.

Any owner of such property may by writing under his own hand, appoint any person to vote as his proxy, but such proxy must, previous to the day on which he shall claim to vote, give to one of the Overseers of such parish a statement in writing, of his own name and address, and also the name and address of the owner appointing him such proxy, and a description of the property, as proxy to the owner whereof he claims to vote, and also an original or attested Copy of the writing appointing him such proxy.

The forms which may be followed by owners of property in appointing proxies, and by such proxies in making their claims, may be had by such owners on application to me.

4 – That the last day on which nominations can be received is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March instant. Nominations of Guardians must be made according to the form prescribed by the Poor Law Commissioners, printed copies of which may be had on application to me, and shall be received by me, at the Superintendent Registrar's Office in Bradford.

5 – That I shall, if more than the above-mentioned number of Guardians shall be nominated for any parish, cause voting Papers to be delivered on the twentieth day of March, to the address in the parish of each Ratepayer, owner and proxy, qualified to vote, which voting papers will contain full instructions as to the mode of voting; and that on the twenty-third day of March I shall cause such voting papers to be collected.

6 – That on the twenty-sixth day of March I shall attend at the Boardroom, at Avoncliff Workhouse, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, and that I shall on that, and, if necessary, the following days, proceed to ascertain the number of votes given for each candidate.

Given under my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1842

William Timbrell

Clerk to the Guardians of the Poor of the Bradford Union

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