

directed by the House, unless sooner discharged by order of the House, or unless the amount of fine imposed shall be sooner paid.

146. All fines shall be applied to a fund, to be called "The Library Fund."

#### SUSPENSION OR ALTERATION OF STANDING ORDERS.

147. Any standing order, or orders of the House, may be suspended on motion duly seconded, made without notice, provided that two-thirds of the members be present; but notice shall always be given when practicable.

148. No proposal for altering or annulling any Standing Order or Orders of this House, shall be entertained, except when two-thirds of the whole number of Members, are present, and when notice extending over at least four sitting days, shall have been given.

#### ELECTION PETITIONS.

149. Petitions against the return of any member of the House of Representatives shall be addressed to that House.

150. Such petitions shall be delivered to the returning officer of the district in which the election shall have taken place, or, in case of his absence or incapacity to act, to the nearest resident magistrate, within one calendar month after the declaration of the state of the poll by the returning officer.

151. On delivery of such petition to the returning officer or resident magistrate, the petitioner shall enter into a bond to the Queen with a penalty of £200, with two sureties in £100 each, to prosecute the petition in a *bonâ fide* manner at the next session of the Assembly, and to pay all such costs and penalties as may be directed by the House. Such sureties to be approved of by the returning officer or resident magistrate.

152. The returning officer or resident magistrate shall send the petition and bond, as soon as possible after the receipt thereof, to the clerk of the House of Representatives.

153. So soon as Mr. Speaker shall have taken the chair at the next sitting of the House, the clerk shall place such returns in his hands, and Mr. Speaker shall then communicate the same to the House.

154. Every petition shall set forth the specific grounds on which the return is impugned, and no other grounds than such as are stated in the petition shall be investigated.

155. A copy of the petition shall be served by the petitioner or his agent on the party petitioned against, or left at his usual or last known place of abode, within fourteen days after its delivery to the returning officer or resident magistrate.

#### HEARING ELECTION PETITIONS.

156. As early as may be, after the commencement of the session, a committee shall be appointed, to which shall be referred from time to time all election petitions received by Mr. Speaker during the session, to report whether the standing orders of the House have been complied with, and to investigate and report on any