

Petitioners do not presume to point out the importance of an uncorrupt representation of the people in the assembly of the Province—That this House cannot but be duly sensible of this. But they complain that the late election has been carried by undue and corrupt influence—That the county of *Bonaventure* has not expressed itself, nor been permitted constitutionally to express itself. That *John Robinson Hamilton* is unduly returned as representative of the county, in contempt of the feelings and opinions of the majority of the electors excluded as aforesaid from their just right to participate in the said election, and by dint of bribery and corruption. And in conclusion they respectfully represent that they are ready to establish such to be the fact whensoever this Honorable House may be pleased to institute an inquiry and admit them to proof,

Petition from Bonaventure complaining of the election of John Robinson Hamilton.

Ordered—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* moved, seconded by Mr *Merritt*, that a committee of *seven* members be now chosen, by ballot, to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members of this House, to compose standing committees.

Motion for appointing standing committees.

<i>First,</i>	of PRIVILEGES.
<i>Second,</i>	“ GRIEVANCES.
<i>Third,</i>	“ COURTS OF JUSTICE.
<i>Fourth,</i>	“ PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.
<i>Fifth,</i>	“ EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS.
<i>Sixth,</i>	“ TRADE.
<i>Seventh,</i>	“ AGRICULTURE.
<i>Eighth,</i>	“ ROADS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.
<i>Ninth,</i>	on PUBLIC LANDS AND SEIGNORIAL RIGHTS.
<i>Tenth,</i>	of EXPIRING LAWS AND ENGROSSED BILLS.
<i>Eleventh,</i>	“ PRIVATE BILLS.
<i>Twelfth,</i>	for HOSPITALS AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS
<i>Thirteenth,</i>	for THE CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS AND OTHER OBJECTS CONNECTED WITH THE INTERNAL DEPARTMENT OF THIS HOUSE.

Which Committees shall have power to report to the House, from time to time, their observations and opinions upon the subjects and matters which shall be referred to them by this House, by bill or otherwise, as belonging to that class of objects for which they are severally appointed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records—then

On motion of Mr. *Thorburn*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

Ordered—That *to-morrow*, at the hour of 11 o' clock, A. M. this House do proceed to ballot for a committee to nominate the said standing committees.

Mr. *Henry Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Aylwin*, that a select committee of *five* members be appointed to take into consideration the return made by *George Wade Foote*, Esquire, to the writ of election for the county of *Kent*, and also his conduct in relation thereto, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to report thereon.

Motion for Committee to consider and report on Kent election.

The question having been put upon the said motion a division ensued and it passed in the negative.

The order of the day for the House in committee on the rules and regulations for the government of this House, reported by the special committee, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee.

Mr. *Durand* took the Chair of the committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

Committee of whole on Rules.