

Petition of
J. G. Vansittart.

Sir Allan N. MacNab brought up a Petition of John George Vansittart, Esquire, Returning Officer at the last Election for the County of Oxford.

Ordered, That the Petition be now read; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was read; setting forth:—That prior to being placed at the bar of the House, the Petitioner had received no intimation of the course that would be adopted towards him, and was not in any manner made aware that evidence would be adduced against him: That the Petitioner begs to say, that several of the statements made by George Brown, Esquire, at the bar of the House, as a witness, relative to the conduct of the Petitioner, are erroneous and not founded in fact; and that the Petitioner will be able, if time is afforded him, to disprove such erroneous and ill-founded statements by competent and credible witnesses; that such witnesses reside in the County of Oxford, and that, if permitted, the Petitioner will procure their attendance at the bar of the House; and praying that no decision may be come to by the House on the Petitioner's case, involving as it does not only his future prospects, but affecting his personal honor, until an opportunity is given him of producing the said testimony.

Ordered, That the prayer of the said Petition be granted, and the Petitioner have time to produce the testimony offered in his Petition, until the fourth day of the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the said John George Vansittart, Esquire, do attend at the Bar of this House, on that day.

Message
from His
Excellency.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

Despatches
relative to
Emigration.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying copies of Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, relative to the Emigration of last year.

Government House,
Montreal, 21st March, 1848.

Appendix(W.) For the Documents accompanying the above Message, see Appendix (W.)

Jesuits'
Estates.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 16th March, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a copy of the Security Bond given by Louis Eléonore Dubord, Esquire, as Agent for the Jesuits' Estates in the District of Three Rivers.

Appendix (X.) For the said Return, see Appendix (X.)

Then, on motion of Mr. Richards, seconded by Mr. M'Farland,

The House adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock, P. M.

Jovis 23° die Martii.

ANNO 11°, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

ON motion of Sir Allan N. MacNab, seconded by Mr. Drummond,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House be directed to write to John Partridge, Esquire, Portrait Painter to Her Majesty The Queen, requesting him to forward the likeness of Her Majesty, painted for this House.

The Queen's
Portrait.

On motion of Sir Allan N. MacNab, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Macdonald,

Resolved, That the Petition against the Return of the sitting Member for the County of Huron is not now pending, the Petitioner having failed to enter into the Recognizance required by law.

Huron
Election.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. Drummond, and the Question being proposed, That no Member of the Legislative Council hath any right to give his vote in the election of any Member to serve in the Commons House of Parliament of this Province;—

Legislative
Councillors.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, by Frederick Starr Jarvis, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Royal assent
to Bills.

Mr. Speaker,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to acquaint this Honorable House, that it is the pleasure of His Excellency that the Members thereof do forthwith attend him in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency; where His Excellency was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Public and Private Bills:—

An Act to make better provision with respect to Emigrants, and for defraying the expenses of supporting indigent Emigrants, and of forwarding them to their place of destination, and to amend the Act therein mentioned:

Emigration
Bill.

An Act to remove doubts as to the time from which the provisions of the Act regulating the summoning of Jurors in Lower Canada were intended to have force and effect:

Jurors' Bill
(L. C.)

An Act to incorporate "The City of Kingston Gas Light Company:"

Kingston
Gas Light
Company Bill.

An Act to incorporate "The Toronto Athenæum:"

Toronto
Athenæum
Bill.

An Act to authorize the Rector and Church Wardens of St. Paul's Church, London, to sell a part of the Glebe, on certain conditions:

St. Paul's
Church Glebe
Bill.

An Act to render executory certain Judgments rendered by the late Courts of King's Bench for Lower Canada:

King's Bench
Judgments
Bill (L. C.)

An Act to incorporate "The Institut Canadien de Québec:"

Quebec
Institut
Canadien Bill.

An Act to amend the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen, and to fund the fees payable under the said Act:

Shipping of
Seamen Bill.

An Act to continue and amend the Act for the inspection of Flour and Meal, and to provide for the inspection of Oatmeal:

Flour and
Meal Bill.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Town of Dundas:

Dundas Incor-
poration Bill.

An Act to incorporate "The Western Telegraph Company:"

Western
Telegraph
Company Bill.

An Act to provide for the inspection of Butter in Quebec and Montreal:

Butter Inspec-
tion Bill.