

in the parish of *St. Pierre*, of *Saint Paul's Bay*: which being *bona fide* agreed, between the three Candidates, the petitioner told them, as he had before told them, at the time of their agreement, that he could remain no longer, that he was going to return to *Quebec*, and that he would appear at the second place, at *Saint Paul's Bay*, the day fixed on in the said public notice; which being well understood and agreed on between them, the petitioner returned to *Quebec*, the same day, the ninth of July last.

That the same day, on the ninth of July, in the morning, the said Returning Officer, with the consent of the Candidates and of the petitioner, after the making of the said agreement, adjourned the said Poll, and the said Election, to the next morning, the tenth of July, to be continued and held at the said first place.

That on the morning of the tenth of July, four or six electors appeared to give their votes, which were received; and no other person appearing to vote, they, that is to say, the said *Jean Marie Poulin* and *Pierre Bedard*, obliged the said Returning Officer to close the said Poll, notwithstanding the agreement of the day before, as then represented to them by the said Returning Officer, and this under divers pretences, which they alledged, saying and declaring, that they would not fulfil this agreement, and this at their risk and peril. That, in short, the said Returning Officer, after that the said *Jean Marie Poulin* and *Pierre Bedard*, had become answerable to him, not only in the sum of one hundred pounds currency, if at any time he should be troubled on account of the closing of the said Poll or of the said election, but also for all consequences which might result therefrom, then and there closed the said Poll and Election, and proclaimed them as Members elected for this Assembly, to represent the said County of *Northumberland*.

That to all these illegal proceedings and irregularities joined to the illegal conduct of the said Returning Officer, and of the said *Jean Marie Poulin* and *Pierre Bedard*, of which the petitioner as a Candidate at the said Election complains, the petitioner cannot help adding, and further complains,

That