

parties with orders for their attendance by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, at the time on which the said Petition was ordered to be taken into consideration.

To report the return of
sitting Member for
Onslow.

A Petition of John Northup and John Tempest, Freeholders of the Township of Onslow, in the County of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Howe, and read, setting forth that at the late Election for the said Township of Onslow, John Crow and Isaac Logan, Esquires, were Candidates; that on the day on which the Poll at such Election was taken, several persons having votes in the said Township of Onslow, were employed as Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks, and as the Agents, Inspectors and Clerks of the respective Candidates, by whom the Representation of the said County, and the several Townships thereof was contested at Polling places in the said County, but not within the said Township of Onslow; that by Law the presiding Officers at the Polling places in the said County, and not within the said Township, ought to have made a Special Return of any votes given by such persons so officially engaged in conducting the said Election as were entitled to vote for the said Township, but that several of the Presiding Officers made no sufficient and formal return signed by them in manner prescribed by Law of the votes so given as aforesaid; and further that owing to the insufficient, illegal and imperfect manner in which the qualifications of such of the voters at said Election, whose votes were questioned by and on behalf of the said Isaac Logan, were taken down in the different Poll Books, the said Isaac Logan was in effect deprived of the sanction of an oath as provided by Law, in respect of such disputed votes, whereby several persons did actually vote at said Election for the said John Crow, who were not as Petitioners are informed and believe by Law qualified to vote, and the votes so given cannot be scrutinized, nor can the said voters be prosecuted for perjury on account of such qualifications not being duly entered—that Petitioners voted for the said Isaac Logan, at such Election, and the said John Crow was elected thereat by a small majority, but that the said Election was materially affected by such irregularities, and great injustice done to Petitioners as Freeholders in said Township—Petitioners praying that the said alleged matters may be investigated by a Committee chosen for such purpose in manner prescribed by Law, and that the return of the Sheriff of the said County of Colchester, may be set aside, and the said Isaac Logan declared duly elected as the Representative of the said Township of Onslow, or that such other redress be granted as might seem proper in the premises.

Time for Consider-
ation.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, resolved, That this House will on Saturday next, the 5th February, at three of the clock, take into consideration the said Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Onslow.

Queries sent

MEMORANDUM.—In pursuance of the Act for regulating the Trials of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members, to serve in General Assembly, the like Notices as in former cases were sent to the several Parties, with orders for their attendance by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, at the time on which the said Petition was ordered to be taken into consideration.

Petitioners the sitting
County Members for
Lunenburg.

A Petition of Benjamin Zwicker, of the Township of Lunenburg, in the County of Lunenburg, a Freeholder in the said County, and a duly qualified Elector therefor, on behalf of himself and other Electors of the said County, was presented by the Hon. The Solicitor General, and read, setting forth that the Sheriff of the County of Lunenburg having received a Writ for the Election of two Members to represent the said County of Lunenburg, in this General Assembly, thereupon held his Court for opening the said Election on the Twenty Ninth day of July last, whereupon John Creighton, Benjamin Zwicker, George Ernst, and Henry Mignowitz, Esquires, were nominated as Candidates to represent