

intervention—That inasmuch as a large number of armed individuals prevented the electors from coming near the poll and giving their votes in favor of petitioner, and kept back, with all sorts of menaces and illtreatment, the supporters of petitioner, the said election was by no means free, but on the contrary, petitioner was thereby prevented from being duly elected as he ought to have been, and a false and unjust return was thereby illegally, violently, and corruptly secured in favor of the said *M. A. De Salaberry*, as member for the said county—That previous to and during the said election, large sums of money were expended by the partizans of the said *M. A. De Salaberry*, to defeat the liberty of the said election, to pay and feed the armed force and other riotous people above mentioned; and taverns were also kept open, and intoxicating liquors were distributed to such as would declare themselves partizans of the said *M. A. De Salaberry*—the whole contrary to law—That in law and in fact petitioner was duly elected to serve for the said county, and that the insertion in the return of the said *Hiram Hitchcock* of the name of the said *M. A. De Salaberry* was illegal, fraudulent, corrupt, and an act of open violence against the rights and liberties of the electors of the said county. Whereupon petitioner humbly prays the House will diligently inquire into the facts set forth in the present petition, and thereupon order that the pretended election of the said *M. A. De Salaberry* be declared null and void, and that petitioner's name be inserted in the said return of the said *Hiram Hitchcock*, instead of that of the said *M. A. De Salaberry*, and that petitioner be admitted to take his seat accordingly, and that the House will further ordain and decree in the matter as in law and justice it may appertain.

Petition of T. Franchère against return of *M. A. De Salaberry*.

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

A Petition of *William Henderson Edwoods* and divers others, people of colour, was presented to the House by the Honorable Mr. *Dunn*, and the same was received and read, setting forth, that they have emigrated from the *United States of America*, and are now settled in the city of *Toronto* and its vicinity, and being desirous of holding lands, pray that a law may be passed for their naturalization.

Petition of W. H. Edwoods and others.

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

Mr. *Simpson*, from the Special Committee appointed to frame Rules and Regulations for the Government of this House, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, as followeth:—

Select Committee on Rules report.

The Committee appointed to frame Rules and Regulations for the Government of the House, and to whom the Rules of the two former Houses of *Upper* and *Lower Canada* were referred for its guidance, have the honor to report—

That, in obedience to the instructions of the House, they have framed a Code of Rules and Regulations for the Government of the House, which they have annexed to this Report, and which they respectfully submit to the House for its consideration.

By order of the Committee;
JOHN SIMPSON, *Chairman*.

A Petition of *Jacob Dewitt* of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, was presented to the House by Mr. *Morin*, and the same was received and read, setting forth:

Petition of Jacob De Witt complaining of the undue return of T. W. Dunscombe, for the county of Beauharnois.

That an election of a knight to serve in the present parliament, for the county of *Beauharnois* took place in the course of *March* last, according to Her Majesty's writ duly issued to that effect, and that the holding of the said election, and the opening of the Poll thereat, were held at