

place, determined to receive the votes of the Electors in a house situate at another and more distant place, which was then and there, to the knowledge of the said Returning Officer, guarded and surrounded with force and violence by several hundred men armed with clubs, sticks, and other offensive weapons, and the greater number of whom consisted of persons who were strangers in the said County, and having no right to vote therein, and this with a view to prevent the Electors from going to vote at the said Election.

Thirdly,—Because the said Returning Officer proceeded to the said pretended Election in the presence of several hundred men armed with clubs, sticks, and other offensive weapons, without his having taken any means to disperse or arrest them, or to remove them to a distance from the Poll or Hustings, and without his having even endeavoured to do so, he having then and there declared himself unable to interpose his authority, for the purpose of obtaining for the Electors free access to the Poll or Hustings.

Fourthly,—Because many of the Electors, while proceeding peaceably to the place of Election, were assaulted and beaten with clubs, sticks, and other offensive weapons, and this both before and after the said Returning Officer had begun to proceed to the said Election, and under the eyes and with the knowledge of the said Returning Officer, who then and there declared himself unable to keep the peace and to preserve order at the said Election.

Fifthly,—Because scenes of violence by armed force occurred during the proceedings of the said Returning Officer, the purpose of which was to prevent the peaceable Electors from exercising freely the elective franchise; and it was evident from the threats and conduct of the large body of men, who were then and there, during the proceedings of the said Returning Officer and in his presence, armed with clubs, sticks, and other offensive weapons, that the peaceable Electors could not have approached the Poll to give their votes, without inevitably occasioning other scenes of violence which must have been attended with the effusion of blood and the murder of a great number of persons, all which was then and there admitted and acknowledged by the said Returning Officer who excused himself by alleging his inability to preserve peace and order.

Sixthly,—Because means of corruption have been employed to obtain votes at the said Election, and to prevent the Electors from giving their votes thereat; and because, at the cost and charge of the said Dr. McCulloch (the Candidate illegally proclaimed as elected by the said Returning Officer) and as well by himself as by others on his behalf, there have been opened and maintained before and during the said pretended Election, houses of public entertainment within the limits of the said County,—the whole in contravention of the Law.

Having stated all these reasons, we the said Notaries in the name of the parties aforesaid, are authorized to protest against the said John Mackenzie the Returning Officer as aforesaid, with regard to any such Proclamation declaring the said Dr. McCulloch the Representative of the said County.

To which the said John Mackenzie made us answer, saying that he had no answer to make.

And to the end that the said John Mackenzie may not plead ignorance of this Protest, we the said Notaries have left with him and delivered into his hands a copy thereof in due form, signed by the

said parties at whose instance it was made, at the village of Terebonne on the day and year aforesaid.

And the said John Mackenzie being requested to sign, he refused so to do.

(Signed,)

L. H. LA FONTAINE,	JOSEPH ROCHON,
J. O. ALFRED TURGEON,	CHARLES ROY,
EDUARD BOUC,	J. BTE. ROY,
P. D. PREVOST,	ANTOINE FORTIN,
PIERRE FORTIN,	ANTOINE DUMAS,
J. O. TURGEON,	ALEX. ROUSSEL,
G. M. PREVOST,	F. X. VALADE, N. P., &
FRS. DOUGAL,	L. J. PREVOST, N. P.,

As appears by the minute remaining of record in the office of the undersigned.

J. L. PREVOST, N. P.

11. Was the polling proposed to be held at the place where the Writs were read and where the Candidates addressed the Electors?—The polling was to have taken place about five or six acres from where the Writ was read.

12. Was the place where it was proposed to take the Poll a house, or what was it?—It was a School-house.

13. Was there free access to the place for polling for all the Electors indifferently?—There was. I did not go to the place of polling, but would have gone, had not Mr. Lafontaine retired.

14. Did you see any acts of violence at the place of election, or in the immediate neighbourhood?—The only violence I discovered was, that there were two men running after another man, and having observed a slight movement before the hustings, as if an affray was about to take place, I went and restored order.

15. Were there any persons present armed with offensive or dangerous weapons?—Both parties were with sticks; a bayonet was brought to me, while the Writ was being read, as coming from one of Mr. Lafontaine's men; and among the people assembled there, I saw several armed with *garçettes*.—what is commonly called life-preservers.

16. Were there any threats of violence, or any excitement indicative of a disposition to resort to violence?—None, except what I have described.

17. Did you retire from the place of election immediately after proclaiming Mr. McCulloch?—I retired to my home, five leagues distant, after I had drawn out the indenture.

18. Did you observe any appearance of acts of violence on your way home?—I did not. The two parties took different directions, and I overtook Mr. Lafontaine's party and passed them.

19. Have you got a copy of the advertisement fixing the place of the hustings?—I here produce a copy thereof:

COUNTY OF TERREBONNE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors in the County of Terrebonne, qualified to elect and constitute a Member to serve in the Assembly of this Province, and in pursuance of Her Majesty's Writ to me directed, bearing date the nineteenth day of February last, I do require the attendance of the Electors of the said County of Terrebonne, on the place in front of John Lloyd's store, New Glas-