

person or persons adversely claiming, if any such there be, and that your Petitioners may not be compelled to adopt an expensive, dilatory and harrassing mode of proceeding, and that the District of Harbor Main may not be disfranchised during the present Session, while your Petitioners are *prima facie* and in substance duly returned, and that by a majority of votes, and when the names of no other parties so claiming or otherwise are shewn in the Indorsation upon the Writ, and that, if necessary for the purpose aforesaid, the Return may be amended.

And, as in duty bound, your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.,

St. John's, May 11, 1861.

PATRICK NOWLAN,
THOMAS BYRNE.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

Mr. WHITEWAY gave notice that on to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the Writ commanding an Election of two Members to serve in the General Assembly for the District of Harbor Main, and that the return thereto, may be laid before the House of Assembly.

Notice for Writ for Harbor Main Election and return thereto.

Ordered,—That the House do resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Committee on Ways and Means.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KNIGHT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read as follows :

Resolutions reported.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Table of Duties upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into Newfoundland and its Dependencies, as prescribed in an Act of the General Assembly, passed in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of Her Present Majesty, entitled, "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on