

III. ADMISSION OF PARTIES TO DEFEND.

Petition complaining of the other Member returned on such double return, it shall be lawful for the last mentioned Member or other the persons who subscribed the Petition complaining of such double return, to withdraw such Petition by letter addressed to the Speaker, and thereupon the order for referring such Petition to the General Committee of Elections shall be discharged, and the House shall give the necessary directions for amending the said double return, by taking off the fyle the indenture by which the person so declining to defend his return was returned, or otherwise as the case may require. 5 10

IV. GENERAL COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS.

General committee of Elections to be named by the Speaker how and when.

XXX. And be it enacted, That in the first Session of every Parliament, on the first meeting of the Commons House of Legislative Assembly, on or next after the *fifteenth* day of such Session, and in every subsequent Session as soon as convenient after the commencement of the Session, the Speaker shall, by Warrant under his hand, appoint *six* Members of the House against whose Return no Petition is then depending, and none of whom is a Petitioner complaining of any Election or Return, to be Members of a Committee to be called "The General Committee of Elections," and every such Warrant shall be laid on the Table of the House, and if not disapproved of by the House, in the course of the three next days on which the House meets for the despatch of business, shall take effect as an appointment of such General Committee. 15 20 25

Nomination how corrected if the House disapprove it.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That if the House disapprove of any such Warrant, the Speaker shall on or before the *third* day on which the House meets after such disapproval, lay upon the Table of the House, a new Warrant for the appointment of *six* Members qualified as aforesaid, and so from time to time until *six* Members have been appointed by a Warrant not disapproved by the House. 30 35

Disapproval may be general or special.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That the disapproval of the Warrant may be either general in respect of the constitution of the whole Committee, or special in respect of any Member or Members named in the Warrant.

Members not disapproved may be named again.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That the Speaker may, if he think fit, name in the second or any subsequent Warrant, any of the Members named in any former Warrant whose appointment has not been specially disapproved by the House as aforesaid. 40

Duration of the appointment.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That after the appointment of the General Committee, every Member appointed 45