

Coram Nobis, that being in the opinion of his Counsel his only chance, but the difficulty lay in procuring the writ as it was an original one issued out of Chancery and there was no such Court in the Province. However, this difficulty was at last surmounted, the writ was obtained under the Great Seal of the Province, and the matter was argued in the vacation of Trinity Term in 1825, before two of the Judges, Mr. Justice Boulton being absent in England. Judgment was reserved to be given in the following term. The Judges divided in their opinions and without giving judgment, announced that the matter must stand over until the Bench was full. This was to Randall tantamount to a decision against him, inasmuch as Mr. Justice Boulton was the missing Judge, and he could not sit, or be expected to give an opinion either way as the greater part of the money recovered under the judgment had been received by Judge Boulton himself.

In the summer of 1825 a general election was held for the House of Assembly. Randall was the candidate of the Reform Party in the County of Lincoln. Under an Act passed in the previous session, candidates were required to have certain freehold property qualifications. Randall at his nomination made an affidavit that he had a freehold estate in the Bridgewater Works on the Niagara River; 1200 acres of land in the Township of Wainfleet in the District of Niagara; lots 38, 39 and 40 in the First Concession of the Township of Nepean and the broken fronts of these lots; 450 acres of land on the Jock and Rideau Rivers in the Township of Nepean and some other properties. As a matter of fact he at that time owned none of the properties they all having been sold at Sheriff's sales under judgments obtained against him by different parties, with the exception of the Bridgewater Works, which property he had lost completely by reason of the grant to Colonel Clarke to which reference has already been made. His unfortunate experiences were well known to the people of his district; much sympathy was felt for him by reason of his sudden change from riches to poverty, and he was returned by a large majority. Immediately after the election, however, his political opponents laid a charge against him of perjury, for making the affidavit that he had a freehold interest in these lands.