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The above is an exact statement of my preliminary proceedings, and of the reasons which governed them ; I shall proceed to describe the scenes of violence which prevented the nomination from taking place.

On the day appointed for the nomination, by my said Proclamation, at about nine o'clock, A. M., a requisition, a copy of which is annexed, signed by some few electors, was handed to me, instructing me to present Mr. Charles Alphonse Pantaléon Pelletier as a candidate for the Legislative Assembly of Quebec. This proceeding led me to believe that Mr. C. A. P. Pelletier would not be present at the nomination, and that he was not a candidate for the House of Commons.

A few moments later, I was informed that certain partizans of Mr. C. A. P. Pelletier were destroying the hustings which I had caused to be erected on the gallery of the sacristy. About ten o'clock, a compact crowd of the partizans of Mr. C. A. P. Pelletier, prominent in the midst of whom, among others, was an individual named Pierre Lafrance, shouting and vociferating, collected near my house and shortly presented so threatening an appearance, that several persons came to notify me that my life would be in danger if I went out, in order to proceed to the hustings, and strongly urged me to refrain from doing so.

When the hour fixed by my Proclamation, eleven, A. M., had arrived, I proceeded, accompanied by my poll-clerk, to the gallery of the sacristy, where the hustings which had just been demolished had been.

The threatening crowd followed me, and when near the sacristy, I heard cries in the rear that stones were being thrown in my direction.

I then hastened to turn the corner of the sacristy and went up on the gallery, which was also ascended by the individuals named Michel LeBel, Thomas LeBel, and the said Pierre Lafrance.

I was about to address the electors in explanation of my conduct, when the said Michel LeBel stood forward, and said to the electors : "Electors, if the Returning Officer does not grant a poll everywhere, there shall be none at all, and there shall be no election." Then the said Pierre Lafrance snatched from my hands the election law, and jumped down from the gallery, and immediately afterwards, the said Thomas LeBel took me by the legs, and the said Michel LeBel, his brother, threw himself upon me, at the same time pushing me with the view of throwing me off the gallery. Perceiving this, I seized the said Michel LeBel by his coat, and found myself standing below the gallery with him.

I was then pushed and dragged through the crowd, which was shouting and vociferating, by the said Michel LeBel and one Joseph Michaud, and, thanks to the protection of the latter, I succeeded in reaching my house.

The Honorable Mr. Chapais and some of his friends who had been on the hustings with me, arrived at my house at nearly the same time as myself, and asked me where my papers were. My poll clerk, to whom I had given them, and by whom I had them concealed, because I had been warned that the intention existed to take them from me, brought them back to me a moment afterwards, and I caused him to remain at my house with a view to return to the hustings if protection could be obtained for us.

The Honorable Mr. Chapais remained on my gallery with some friends and spoke for some time to a group of electors who had approached it, but the rioters did not long abstain from coming together again, in front of my office, and the Honorable Mr. Chapais was soon removed by his friends, who fled before a shower of stones thrown at him. Stones were also thrown at the windows of my house ; four three-foot panes were broken in the windows of my office, and in my attics four panes and a casement were smashed.

The rioters then appeared to me to be absolute masters of the public square, and it was from that time forward impossible for me to go out.

A short time after I saw a certain tolerably numerous group of the partizans of Mr. C. A. P. Pelletier collect together and direct their steps two or three times, with a hostile and threatening air, towards my house, but on each occasion they appeared to be turned back by some one.

Up to that time I had succeeded in preserving intact the Writs of Election, but between three and four o'clock P. M., a deputation, composed of Messrs. Joseph Anctil, farmer, of Ste. Ann, and Louis Alphonse Miller, of Kamouraska, advocate, both partizans of Mr. C. A. P. Pelletier, came to my house. These gentlemen told me that they would regret