

younger, was not duly elected and returned at the Election above referred to, and that the said election of the said *Peter White*, the younger, was and is void.

And it being charged in the said Petition that corrupt practices were committed at the said Election, I further certify that it has not been proved before me that any corrupt practice has been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of the said *Peter White*, the younger.

I further certify that on the said trial it was stated and admitted by Counsel for the said *Peter White*, the younger, in the presence of the said *Peter White*, the younger, that corrupt practice was committed at the said Election by *George C. Bolton*, an Agent of the said *Peter White*, the younger, for whose acts in the premises he, the said *Peter White*, the younger, was and is responsible, whereby his election was and is void.

I further certify that at the said trial it was proved before me, that corrupt practices have been committed by the following persons, viz.:—(1) *George C. Bolton*; (2) *John Ross*; (3) *William Cole*; (4) *Thomas Hill*; (5) *Elias M. Wade*; (6) *John Hoare*; and (7) *James McFarlane*.

I further certify that at the said trial it did not appear to me that corrupt practices have, or that there is reason to believe that they have extensively prevailed at the said Election.

And I have determined and adjudged that all costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the presentation of the said Petition, and to the proceedings consequent thereon, shall be paid by the said *Peter White*, the younger, he being the party opposing the said Petition.

J. G. SPRAGGE,  
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Dated this 23rd day of September, A. D. 1874.

WEST NORTHUMBERLAND CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

*In the Election Court.*

(The Controverted Elections Act, 1873.)

*Election of a Member for the House of Commons for the Electoral Division of the West Riding of Northumberland, holden on the twenty-second and twenty-ninth days of January, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four..*

DOMINION OF CANADA, } To Wit:  
Province of Ontario, }

*To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons:*

I certify that the trial of the Petition of *William Lemuel Burnham*, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*, and *Angus Henry McDonald*, of the Township of *Haldimand*, in the said County, yeoman, against the return of *William Kerr*, was had before me at the Town of *Cobourg*, on Friday and Saturday, the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth days of September, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and that at the conclusion of such trial I did determine and adjudge that the above named *William Kerr* was not duly elected and returned at the Election above referred to, and that the said election of the said *William Kerr* was and is void.

And it being charged in the said Petition that corrupt practices were committed at the said Election, I further certify that it has not been proved before me that any corrupt practice has been committed by or with the knowledge and consent of the said *William Kerr*.