

Mr. Mondelét interrogated, said :

That in 1800, the citizens of the east-ward of the city of *Montreal*, desiring to have Mr. *Justice Panet* for their representative in the provincial Parliament, about fifty of them went to his house, English as well as Canadians, and requested him to come forward as Candidate at the next election ; that Mr. *Justice Panet* answered them, it was not proper for him as judge, to expose himself as a Candidate, although it was the wish of the citizens ; that he had duties to fulfil as a Judge which required his attendance at Montreal, and that he hoped he would be excused from accepting the honour they wished to confer upon him ; that the citizens repeated their demand, and insisted that two of the other Judges would remain in town, during the absence of Mr. *Justice Panet*, and that his presence might be of great service to the House. Mr. *Justice Panet* then said, that he could no longer refuse their votes, if they would support him during the Election, but that he would not appear nor do any thing to obtain his election ; that during his election Mr. *Justice Panet* was in the country upon the circuit, and did not once appear at the Poll, which took place ; that several times since Mr. *Justice Panet* told me, it did not become the dignity of a Judge to propose himself as a Candidate at elections ; and that he was convinced a Judge was often exposed in the House of Assembly, on account of the equality of members, and the liberty of debates, which were frequently derogatory to the character of a Judge.

From the foregoing testimonies, your Committee is of opinion, that many inconveniencies have arisen from a Judge of the District of *Quebec*, having proposed himself as a Candidate at the Election for the County of *Hampshire*, in 1796, and at the elections of the *Upper Town* and County of *Quebec*, in 1804, and at the last Election of the County of *Quebec*, and that he was proposed as Candidate, to the Electors for the County of *Northumberland* in 1800, and last year.

And that these inconveniencies are as follows :

1st. That the liberty of the Electors has been constrained. 2d. That the  
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