

further allowance of *ten dollars per diem*, for each day during which he is necessarily engaged in the trial of an Election Petition, or at a sitting of the Election Court, and his travelling expenses when absent on any such duties from his place of residence.

3. *Resolved*, And such allowances shall be paid out of any unappropriated moneys forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of *Canada*, on the report of the Auditor General that they have been claimed and are due.

4. *Resolved*, That the travelling and other expenses of the Judge, and all expenses incurred by the Sheriff or other officer, in consequence of any sitting for the trial of an Election Petition, and providing a court room and accessories, shall be defrayed in like manner as other incidental expenses, payable by the Dominion under this Act.

5. *Resolved*, That the reasonable expenses incurred by any person in appearing to give evidence at the trial of an Election Petition, according to the scale allowed to witnesses on the trial of civil actions in the *Superior Courts* of law in the same Province, may be allowed to such person by a certificate under the hand of the Judge or of the Clerk of the Election Court or prescribed officer; and such expenses, if the witness be called and examined by the Judge, shall be deemed part of the expenses of providing a Court, and in other cases shall be deemed costs of the party calling the witness, and shall be taxed against such party interested in the trial of such Petition as the Judge may determine.

6. *Resolved*, That the duties to be performed by the Clerk or other prescribed officer of any Election Court or the rules of Court, shall, if the Election Court consist of Judges of any Dominion or Provincial Court or Courts be performed by such officer or officers of the Court or Courts last mentioned, as the Judges of the Election Court may appoint, and if the Election Court consisted of Judges appointed *ad hoc*, then by such person or persons as the Governor may appoint to act as such Clerk or other prescribed officer:— and the remuneration to be allowed in either case for such services, shall be fixed by the Governor in Council, on the report of the Election Court in question.

The said Resolutions being read a second time; And the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolutions; the House divided: and it was *resolved* in the Affirmative.

* *Ordered*, That the said Resolutions be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to make better provision respecting Election Petitions and matters relating to Controverted Elections of Members of the House of Commons.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, Member for the Electoral District of *Lambton*, rose in his place and called the attention of the House to a letter written by a Government Official during the last Election for the County of *Welland*, which he laid upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said letter be now read.

And the said letter was read, as followeth:—

(Private.)

POST OFFICE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,

LONDON, ONT., 16th November, 1872.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to drop you a word of caution with respect to your conduct in the Election now coming off in *Welland*. So long as it suits your interest or convenience to remain Postmaster, you cannot, with propriety, take any part against the Government, whose servant you are. If you cannot support Dr. King, take no active part against him, and give no ground for complaint against yourself. *Answer* how this is.

Your obedient servant,

GILBERT GRIFFIN,

P. O. Inspector.

J. RANNIE, Esquire, Postmaster, *Allanburg, Ont.*

The Honorable *Sir Francis Hincks*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—