

That the Elections of County Members, which are often held at places distant and inconvenient for the people to attend at, to give in their votes, may, in future, when a poll is demanded, be holden at two, three, or more central and commodious fixed stations, and the votes of the Freeholders taken at each of these stations on successive days, unless the Election be sooner terminated by the resignation of Candidates, or that the Town Officers be authorised to take the suffrages of the Electors in their several Townships.

That the Jury Laws be amended, so that Jurors be drawn by ballot from lists of the best qualified persons in the several Townships of each District, or appointed in some other way less liable to partiality and abuse than an arbitrary selection by Sheriffs and Coroners, dependent upon the Executive Government for their appointment, income, and continuance in office.

And your petitioners as in duty bound,
will ever pray :

PETER FRANK,

and two hundred and thirty-nine others.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Howard, moves that it be resolved, that it is expedient, that before auditing the contingent accounts of the Honourable the Legislative Council, which are paid out of the duties, taxes, imposts, and revenue raised from the people of this Province, and which have greatly increased in amount, of late years, a statement in detail containing the items and shewing the purposes to which that Honourable body apply such large sums annually, under the head of "contingencies," be laid before this House.—That it appears by the Public Accounts that salaries are yearly paid by the Government—to their Speaker four hundred pounds—to their Clerk two hundred pounds—to their Master in Chancery fifty pounds—to their Chaplain fifty pounds—to their Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod fifty pounds—to their Door Keeper twenty pounds—and to their Copying Clerks twenty-five pounds; that besides these large sums of the public money, they asked and obtained a vote of this House in March last, for nine hundred and sixty-three pounds and eleven pence half-penny for contingent expenses of the office of Grant Powell, their Clerk, incurred by their order, during the Session which closed in that month; and also a vote of other two hundred and fifteen pounds one shilling and six pence halfpenny for the like expenses of Wm. Lee, "Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod," incurred by him in his office during said Session, also by their orders, without informing this House or the Country, to what purpose these large sums were to be applied: and that a copy of this resolution be communicated to that Honourable House.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs.

Bidwell,	Duncombe,	MacKenzie,	Roblin,
Buell,	Howard,	Perry,	Shaver,
Campbell,	Ketchum,	Randal,	White,
Cook,	Lyons,		

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General.	Elliott,	McMartin,	Samson,
Berczy,	A. Fraser,	Macnab,	Shade,
Boulton,	R. Fraser,	Maçon,	Sol. General,
Burwell,	Jarvis,	Mount,	Thomson,
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Robinson,	Werden—20.

The question was decided in the negative by a majority of six.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Kingston Bank Bill was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Berczy was called to the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Berczy reported the Bill as amended.

The report was received and the Bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, moves that the Clerk of this House be instructed to have a copy of the Journals exhibited daily, in the lobby, for the information of the public.

Ordered.

Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. Perry, moves that the notices of his intended motions for the reading Journals of twelfth March last, respecting the proceedings of this House on the

subject of Clergy Reserves, and respecting King's College, be struck off the order of the day.

Ordered.

Mr. Maçon, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that this House do now adjourn until Monday next, at the usual hour.

Ordered—and the House adjourned till Monday accordingly.

MONDAY, 28th NOVEMBER, 1831.

THE House met.

The minutes of Friday were read.

Mr. Warren brought up the petition of Andrew Thompson, and one hundred and eleven others, of the County of Hal-dimand, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Bidwell brought up the petition of James Forshee, and one hundred and one others, of the Townships of Fredericksburgh and Adolphustown, in the Midland District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Duncombe brought up the petition of William Holmes, (Chairman of a public meeting in Brantford) and five others; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Duncombe brought up the petition of A. A. Rapelje, Esquire, Sheriff of the London District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Clark brought up the petition of William Hamilton Merritt, and four others, Trustees to the Grantham Academy; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Clark brought up the petition of George Adams, and eighty-seven others, of the District of Niagara which; was laid on the table.

Mr. Roblin brought up the petition of Henry McDonald, Esq. and one hundred and eighty-nine others, of Hallowell and Marysburgh, in the County of Prince Edward; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Jarvis brought up the petition of John Fenton, and twenty-six others, Jurors of the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of William Griffiths, Junior, and thirty-two others of Trafalgar, in the Gore District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Robert Hunter and twenty-five others, Jurors, Witnesses, Clients, and others, waiting for Justice at the Quarter Sessions Court and District Court, now sitting; which was laid on the table.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of James Thompson, (Chairman of a Township Meeting held in the Township of Trafalgar,) and thirty-four others; which was laid on the table.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of John Bourchier, and forty-nine others, of the Township of Georgina, in the Home District; which was laid on the table.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Peter P. Kinney and eleven others, of the Township of Trafalgar; which was laid on the table.

Mr. MacKenzie brought up the petition of Samuel Todd, of the Town of York, with accompanying documents; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Samson, seconded by Mr. Berczy, moves that the Select Committee chosen by ballot, on the petition of the inhabitants of Township of Vaughan and other petitions upon the same subject, have power to send for persons and papers.

Ordered.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Bill to establish a Banking Corporation in Kingston, was read the third time.

On the question for passing the same, the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	Duncombe,	Maçon,	Shaver,
Berczy,	Elliott,	Mount,	Sol. General,
Bidwell,	R. Fraser,	Randal,	Thomson,
Campbell,	Jarvis,	Roblin,	Warren,
Chisholm,	Lewis,	Samson,	Werden,
Clark,	McCall,	Shade,	White, and
Crooks,	Macnab,		W. Wilson—28

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Howard,	Ketchum,	Lyons,	MacKenzie, 4.
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