

KAMOURASKA, 19th September, 1867.

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SIR,—I have the honor to inform you, that in obedience to Her Majesty's Writ, addressed to me, for the election of a Member to represent the Electoral District of Kamouraska, in the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada, dated at the City of Ottawa, on the Seventh day of the month of August last, and received on the fourteenth day of the same month, as appears by the endorsement thereon, and which I transmit to you herewith, in conformity with the law I posted my Proclamation, a copy of which is annexed, on the twentieth and twenty-first days of the said month of August, in the parishes and extra parochial places in the said Electoral District of Kamouraska, and that I did also on the thirtieth day of the said month of August, post an amended Proclamation, a copy of which is hereto annexed, in the Parish of St. Paschal, in the Township of Woodbridge, and in the part of the Parish of Notre Dame du Portage situated in the said Electoral District of Kamouraska.

These two Proclamations were posted by me for the following reasons:—

By my said first Proclamation I had fixed no poll for the Parish of St. Pacôme, for the Municipality of the Parish of St. Paschal and the Township of Woodbridge inclusive, and I had excluded from voting at the poll in the Parish of St. André, that part of the Parish of Notre Dame du Portage situated in the said Electoral District of Kamouraska, believing it to be strictly my duty so to act to conform to the Election Laws, as amended by the Act 27 Vic., Cap. 8.

Certain electors of the localities thus disfranchised having served me with a protest, as appears by the copy thereof hereunto annexed, I deemed it advisable, carefully to consider the matter, and having arrived at the conclusion that some doubt existed as to the legality of my proceedings, as regards the Parish of St. Paschal, the Township of Woodbridge inclusive, and the part of the Parish of Notre Dame du Portage situated in the Electoral District of Kamouraska, I decided to give the benefit of the doubt to the electors and I was about to post a new Proclamation in consequence, when I perceived that the delay for so doing had expired.

It then became my duty to consider how best to render my proceedings regular, if possible so to do, and in accordance with the advice which I received, I posted my second Proclamation, in amendment to my first, on the thirtieth day of the said month of August last, and I intended on the following day, the day of the nomination, in conformity with the law and the opinion I received, as before stated, to fix a poll for the Parish of St. Paschal, including the Township of Woodbridge, thereunto annexed, and to admit to vote at the poll in the Parish of St. André, the electors of the said part of the Parish of Notre Dame du Portage, after having explained to the electors the error (if error there were) contained in my first Proclamation.

In my absence the Resolutions, copies of which are annexed, were left at my office, and on my return from Quebec, on the 29th day of the said month of August, Pierre Des-saint, Esquire, one of the signers of the said Resolutions, accompanied by Messrs. Hubert, Pelletier, Edouard Ouellet, Antoine Roy dit Desjardins, Ivankoe Taché and several others, came to my office to obtain my answer with respect to the voting in St. Pacôme, St. Paschal and Woodbridge, and the said part of the Parish of Notre Dame du Portage, and after some explanation, on my part, as to the motives which induced me to act in the manner indicated by my first Proclamation and which afterwards induced me to amend it, I informed them that I would grant a poll for St. Paschal and Woodbridge, and that the electors of the said part of Notre Dame du Portage should vote at the poll in St. André, and that I would the next day post in those localities my Proclamation in amendment, but that it was impossible for me to authorize the granting of a poll for St. Pacôme, and that I would not do so, inasmuch as no duplicate of the electoral list of the said last locality, duly certified and attested according to law, had ever been deposited in my Office as Registrar, by the Secretary-Treasurer of the municipality of the said parish.

Being then asked to state upon what list the electors of St. Paschal and Woodbridge were to vote, I replied that they would vote on that of 1859, the only one of which a duplicate existed, and which had been found among the papers transferred to me by the representatives of the late J. G. Taché, Esquire, the former Registrar.