

the close of the said Poll, on the last day of the Election, refused, and has always since refused to enter into such scrutiny, conceiving that according to the law of this Province, that no scrutiny could be entered into to question the legality of votes, except before this House, or a Committee appointed by this House, and that any such proceedings before or by the Returning Officer would be as illegal as unusual, and that no such scrutiny has been proceeded in ; that the conduct of the said Returning Officer, in refusing to return the said *Joseph Woods*, and in making such return as above stated, was not only manifestly illegal and unjust, but was also on that and on several other occasions, during and after the said Election, partial and improper, and unworthy the trust and confidence reposed in him as such Returning Officer, and was utterly subversive of the rights and privileges of the great body of the Electors of the said County, and was and is destructive of the purity of Elections.

Kent Election.

Petitioners therefore humbly pray that this Honorable House would direct the said *George Wade Foote*, Esquire, the said Returning Officer, to alter and amend his said return, and to return to this Honorable House that the said *Joseph Woods*, is duly elected by a majority of forty-three votes.

*Ordered*—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

*Ordered*—That Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill for better securing the independence and uprightness of the Judges.

Independence of Judges Bill read and ordered to be printed.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

*Ordered*—That the said Bill be read a second time on *Saturday* next.

*Ordered*—That one hundred copies of the said Bill be printed for the use of Members of this House.

A Petition of *John Decow* and others of the County of *Haldimand*, in the District of *Niagara*, was presented to the House by Mr. *Merritt*, and the same was received and read, praying that an Act may be passed to establish a company, to be called "The *Haldimand* Glass Works Company."

Petition for Glass Works.

*Ordered*—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

A Petition of *Jacob Gross* and *Daniel High*, Ministers of the Menonist Church, and others, was presented to the House by Mr. *Merritt*, and the same was received and read, praying that the laws of 1836 in relation to Militia fines, may be restored and acted upon,

Petition for Militia Law amendment.

*Ordered*—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

A Petition of *Alexander Garner* and others of the Township of *Gainsborough*, in the *Niagara* District, was presented to the House by Mr. *Merritt*, and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of fifty pounds to finish a certain road.

Petition for Money for Roads.

*Ordered*—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

A Petition of *John Cole*, of the Township of *Louth*, in the District of *Niagara*, was presented to the House by Mr. *Merritt*, and the same was received and read, setting forth, that he has served as a British Soldier in several engagements in *Upper Canada*, during the late war with the *United States*, under command of Capt. *Alexander Cameron*, deceased ; that he is now seventy years of age, helpless, nearly blind, decrepid, and very poor, and praying that his case may be taken into consideration, and a pension granted him.

Petition of John Cole for Pension.

*Ordered*—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.