

representatives when they should have a population entitling them thereto, upon a Census of the Province; it might also in the progress of the settlement and population be necessary to attach part of the divisions I have mentioned to Counties formed out of parts now unsettled. I speak of this, particularly with a view to local matters, such as Circuit Courts, Register Offices and Courts of Quarter Sessions.

Q. 22. Will you look over the divisions in the Bill, one after the other, and state separately the inconveniences of those divisions, if any; having regard to the present state of the Settlements and local circumstances where the errors chiefly lie, if any.

Q. 23. Will you look over the Table of the new Counties, annexed to the Report of the Special Committee on the Representation Bill, Journal No. 26, Appendix [M,] and state any material error in the population of the divisions in which the Townships are situated?

A. I will, and give in answers.

Q. 24. What is the proportion of qualified Electors to the population in the Townships?

A. I think one-fourth or one-fifth.

Q. 25. What proportion may the qualified Electors bear to the male population about twenty-one years of age?

A. I think there are very few over twenty-one who have not a right to vote. Generally, as soon as the young men are twenty-one, they get a piece of Land of their own, and often before they are that age.

Q. 26. Then nearly all the male inhabitants above twenty-one are Freeholders?

A. Nearly.

Q. 27. Are there any number of persons holding on lease?

A. Very few; some have Clergy and Crown Reserves.

Q. 28. What may be their proportion to the Freeholders?

A. Very few.

Q. 29. How is it in Shipton?

A. I suppose that one twentieth of the population may be on leased land, there are hardly any lands so held excepting Crown and Clergy Reserves. In Durham, there may be about nine hundred souls who are on lease from the Saint Francis Indians. They give no rent for twenty-one years, and afterwards they are to give one-third of the crops.

Mr. Stephen Barnard of the Township of Melbourne, called in and examined:—

Q. 1. Have you resided long in that part of the country?

A. I went into the Townships about thirty years ago—I was absent about twelve years, and have latterly resided there fifteen years.

Q. 2. Have you been much in the different parts of the Townships?

A. I was in the Townships on the east side of the St. Francis—I have also been frequently in different parts on the north side up to Staunstead.

Q. 3. Have the people on those parts any desire of being represented in the House of Assembly?

A. They have.