

## Sundry Reports.

protest and letter of the Returning Officer, with a parchment supposed to be the writ of election.

The clerk of the crown in chancery came to report to His Excellency, that the Returns to the Writ had been received, took him in to His Excellency, and a short time afterwards he came to know if he could have left any of the papers in the Government Office. All this occurred between the hours of ten and twelve, A. M., probably within a short time after eleven—saw the Clerk of the Crown-in-Chancery at my office, on Wednesday morning the 11th instant; he said he had not received the return which he had expected by post. This was the whole conversation with the Clerk of the Crown-in-Chancery. There have not been any official papers received at the Government Office, respecting the election of Leeds, since the election.

The Postmaster gave the packet to Col. Rowan's messenger to deliver to Mr. Jarvis.



Mr. FITZGIBBON, CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, *called in and examined.*

Had been applied to by Mr. Gowan to be sworn in a member of the House of Assembly, on Monday morning, as he thinks—has not since been applied to by Mr. Gowan—has never been applied to for the same purpose by the Attorney General.

Mr. Jarvis, C. C. C. told the clerk of the House that the Speaker did not approve of his reporting to the Lieutenant Governor, and writing to the Returning Officer—and he was afraid he would be blamed by the House for so doing.—This was on Tuesday the 10th instant.—This statement was made to the clerk of the House, in his room.



PETER PERRY, Esq., *examined,*

It appears by the evidence of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery that he wrote you a note respecting the return of the Leeds election.—What were the contents of that note?—(\*Note produced?) It appears this note is dated the 9th March, inst.—at what time did you receive it?—Answer—I received it on Monday, the 9th instant, and it is the only note I received on the subject.

\* Dear Sir—I have received no official account of the Leeds Election—I saw in a Brockville paper, (I think on Saturday) that the Attorney General and Mr. Gowan had been re-elected.

I am, &c.

P. Perry, Esq.  
9th March, 1835.

SAMUEL P. JARVIS-



MR. SHERWOOD THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY OF LEEDS.

Says he received no communication from any person excepting from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Had received no communication from the Speaker of the House of Assembly, requesting his attendance at the bar of the House, with papers and documents relative to the Leeds Election and Return. Had received two Letters one dated 10th and the other the 11th at the same time on Saturday 14th at two o'clock from the clerk of the Crown in Chancery, relative to the deficiency in the Return, one of which required his attendance at Toronto to complete the Return, and started immediately for Toronto, by the first stage, previously to the arrival of the next Western Mail. (Produced the letter, the one dated the 10th, Mail marked at Toronto 11th, and no mark on it as having been received at the Toronto Post Office too late.)

2nd. The first that he learned any thing of the deficiency was on Friday, the Hon. Charles Jones told him that Mr. Whiting had arrived from Toronto, and said that the Indentures were not sent up with the writ, and other papers relative to the Election, he went immediately home and found it among his papers. He immediately forwarded it to Toronto, previously to having received any communication from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

It appears by your letter to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, that violence and improper conduct was used by the Attorney General's and Gowan's friends—please to state to what you refer.

He commenced polling about one o'clock P. M. He had erected the Hustings with an opening on each side, and assigned one opening to each candidate, which he made publicly known to the people, that they might understand it—thinks they did understand it. The thing was so arranged as to render it unnecessary for the friends of Buel and Howard, and those of Gowan and Attorney General to intermix. After the Polling had proceeded for a short time, he observed several of Messrs Gowan's and Attorney General's apparent friends and supporters interfering at Mr. Howards window, not so as to prevent their voting at the time, yet in such a way as he believed would lead to unpleasant transactions. One person had a large drum, and continued beating it close to the window. The returning officer went out once or twice and requested them to desist, stating that they had no business there, that window was for Mr. Howard's friends.—Returning Officer took hold of the man with the drum and told him to stand back; he did so a little way, saying at the same time, is that far enough, but did not go away as he thinks he should have done—they appeared to pay but little attention to him. About two o'clock he adjourned for an hour, and then again proceeded to take votes, and the like interference again commenced, and Mr. Jonas Jones went out through Mr. Howard's window to keep the peace. Mr. Jones afterwards came in with his head bruised and much injured, and demanded of the Returning Officer and the authorities to assist in quelling the riots and keeping the peace—said the conduct was very improper and brutal, and said something about adjourning or closing the poll after finishing the vote then at the window. He did adjourn until the next day at nine o'clock. He saw a Mr. Shipman and Elliott who he understood was assisting Mr. Jones to keep the peace, who was also injured. Shipman had his head badly cut. During the day a board was torn off from the Hustings, by Gowan and Jemeson's supposed friends, and near Mr. Gowan's window, he, the Returning Officer insisted, that he would not proceed with the election until it was replaced, it was again nailed on, after which an attempt was made and partly succeeded in tearing