

Petitions read. notwithstanding which, their votes were recorded by the said Deputy Returning Officers: That during the polling in the said Townships of the said *Owen's Sound* Tract, refreshments and intoxicating liquors were openly and profusely supplied to the voters at the polling places and elsewhere, by the agents and supporters of the said *James Webster*, for the purpose of promoting his Election; and that party flags and colors were also exhibited and used by the supporters of the said *James Webster*, in certain of the said Townships, at the said Election, contrary to the statute in that behalf: That in the Township of *Waterloo*, at the said Election, the Poll was not kept open a sufficient length of time to permit of all the Electors recording their votes, whereby a very great number of the Electors in the said Township of *Waterloo*, who were desirous of voting for the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, were deprived of an opportunity to record their suffrages; and that, from the absence of proper arrangements for the taking of the votes, much crowding, confusion, and unnecessary delay occurred, to the prejudice of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, and that much time was unnecessarily wasted there on the said occasion, from the want of due despatch in going through the business of the Election, and, more especially, from the putting of unnecessary questions to the Electors, and the making of unnecessary entries in the Poll Book, to the like prejudice of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*; and praying, for the above causes, that the said Election and Return of the said *James Webster*, for the County of *Waterloo*, may be declared void, or amended, and that the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* may be declared elected and returned in his place and stead, as the Member to represent the said County of *Waterloo* in this Parliament,—or if the same shall not be granted, then that a new Writ may be issued by the proper authority for holding an Election for the said County of *Waterloo*,—or that the Petitioners may have such other relief in the premises, as the nature of the case requires and deserves.

Of the *Montreal* Ladies Benevolent Society; praying the usual aid in support of that Institution.

Of the Ladies Directresses of the *Montreal* Protestant Orphan Asylum; praying aid in support of that Institution.

Of the Ladies Directresses of the *Montreal* Protestant Orphan Asylum; praying aid to enable them to erect a building for the purposes of that Institution.

Of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, a candidate at the last General Election for the County of *Oxford*; setting forth:—That the Petitioner was a candidate for the representation of the County of *Oxford* at the last General Election, and that the Honorable *Francis Hincks* and *Robert Campbell* were also candidates for the representation at the said Election: That on the day of nomination at the said Election, the property qualification of the said *Francis Hincks* was duly demanded by an Elector, and that the said *Francis Hincks*, not being personally present, there was presented to the Returning Officer, alleged to be on his behalf, a paper purporting to be a declaration of qualification according to law, but taken and subscribed long before the dissolution of the last Parliament and the issuing of the Writ of Election for the said County for the present Parliament: That the Petitioner then and still believing the said declaration to be of no validity, protested against the same; and on the polling days in the several Townships in the said County, gave notice that the said *Francis Hincks* had not given in his qualification according to law, and that all votes polled for him would be thrown away; that the said notice was given frequently during the continuance of the said Polls in the several Townships: That the said declaration of

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Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Ottawa*; praying that the allowance to District Councillors, while attending the Councils, may be increased to ten shillings for each day.

Of *Orin J. Kemp* and others, of *Sutton* and other Townships; praying for the construction of a Road from the North *Sutton* Road by a certain route to *Stanstead* Plain.

Of the Reverend *John Butler* and others, Roman Catholic Inhabitants of *Peterborough*; praying that should any alteration be made in the Charter of the University of King's College, provision may be made for the endowment of the College of *Regiopolis*, at *Kingston*,—or otherwise that such provision be made out of the proceeds of the Jesuits' Estates.

Of *John Moore*, Esquire, and others, of *Eaton* and other Townships, in the County of *Sherbrooke*; praying aid to complete the Road leading to the City of *Quebec*, and to erect a Bridge over the River *St. Francis*, above the Basin in *Westbury*.

Of *Jacob Hoover* and others, of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Barnham*; praying aid to improve the Road from *Dunnville* to the *Dover* Mills.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; praying that measures may be adopted for the resumption of the works for deepening Lake *St. Peter*.

Of *Benjamin Bailey* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de Lapêrade*, in the County of *Champlain*; praying amendments to the Education Act, 9 Vic. c. 27.

Of *James Vollar*, a Messenger of the Legislative Assembly; praying to be allowed to retire upon a pension or annual allowance.

Of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, on behalf of the Corporation of the Bishop's College; praying that the said College may receive the privilege of conferring Degrees in Divinity, and the Arts and Faculties professed in the learned Universities.

Of the Corporation of Bishop's College at *Lennoxville*, in the Diocese of *Quebec*; praying the usual aid in support of that College.

Of *Robert James Begly*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an inquiry into a charge of defalcation made against him by the Chief Commissioner of Public Works.

Of *George Lyon*, Esquire, of *Richmond*, in the County of *Carleton*; setting forth:—That at the last Election for the County of *Carleton*, held at *Bell's Corners*, in the Township of *Nepean*, in the said County, on the 23rd day of December now last past, the Petitioner, *Edward Malloch*, and *James Johnston*, were severally duly proposed and seconded as candidates for the representation of said County in this Parliament; that a Poll having been demanded,