

Rules and Regulations  
of House.

On motion of Mr. *Simpson* seconded by Mr. *Child*,  
*Resolved*—That a Committee of seven Members be appointed to frame Rules and Regulations for the Government of this House; that the Rules of the two former Houses of Upper and Lower *Canada* be referred to it for its guidance, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to report thereon with all convenient speed.

Committee on Rules

*Ordered*—That Mr. *Simpson*, Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Cameron*, Sir *Allan MacNab*, Mr. *Neilson*, Mr. *Prince*, and Mr. *Thorburn*, do compose the said Committee.

Postage

On motion of Mr. *Thorburn*, seconded by Mr. *Morris*,  
*Ordered*—That the Clerk be directed to charge to the Contingencies of the House, the postage on all letters not exceeding one ounce in weight, and on printed papers to and from Members of this House, during the present Session, provided, that when Petitions to this House are enclosed, the postage thereon shall be charged without restriction, as to weight.

Gaspé Fisheries Bill

*Ordered*—That Mr. *Hamilton* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Fisheries in the District of Gaspé.

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 *Monday* the twenty-first instant.

Kent Election

A Petition of J. *Woods* and others of the *Western District* was presented to the House by Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and the same was received and read, setting forth :

That the election of one Member to serve for the County of *Kent* in this Honorable House was commenced at the Town of *Chatham* in the said County on *Monday* the twenty-second day of *March*, last. *George Wule Foote*, Esquire, the Sheriff of the *Western District* being the returning officer, and the Honorable *Samuel B. Harrison*, and *Joseph Woods*, (one of your Petitioners, being) Candidates for the suffrages of the Electors of the said County, when a Poll was declared, and the Election being contested, continuing as such Candidates from its commencement on the *Monday*, until the following *Saturday*, being the period allowed by law. That during the continuance and progress of the said Election, every facility was afforded as well to those Electors who were in favor of Mr. *Harrison*, as those who were in favor of the said *Joseph Woods*, of recording their votes on the Poll Book, and that at the close of the Poll on the *Saturday* night, being the last day on which the Election could be held according to law, the said *Joseph Woods*, one of your Petitioners, had a majority of votes, as was declared from the Hustings by the Returning Officer. That according to the law and practice of Elections in this Province, the said *Joseph Woods* should have been immediately declared as duly elected by the Returning Officer, and the necessary indentures should have been executed by certain Electors of the County, and your Petitioner the said *Joseph Woods* returned by the said Returning Officer as duly elected to serve for the said County of *Kent* in this Honorable House, but instead of the Returning Officer making such return, he illegally fraudulently, and improperly has refused to execute the necessary indentures, or to make such declaration or return, and has returned on the writ of Election, as your Petitioners have reason to believe, that the said *Joseph Woods* had a majority of votes, and that a scrutiny had been demanded by certain freeholders of the said County, claiming a majority of legal votes in favor of Mr. *Harrison*, to be proceeded in by the Returning Officer, and two other persons, one to be nominated by each of the said Candidates. That the said *Joseph Woods*, after