

Petition of Joseph Barter
to be appointed a doorkeep-
er.

Mr. Robinson, pursuant to leave granted, presented a petition from Joseph Barter, and the same was received and read—

Praying that the Petitioner may be appointed Door Keeper to this House.

Ordered,—That the Petition do lie on the table.

Petition of David Rogers
to be appointed door-
keeper.

Mr. Robinson, pursuant to leave granted, presented a Petition from David Rogers, and the same was received and read,—

Praying that Petitioner may be appointed one of the subordinate officers of this House.

Ordered,—That the Petition do lie on the table.

Petition from electors of
Burin against the return of
C. Benning, Esq.

Mr. Robinson, pursuant to leave granted, presented a petition from Joseph Hollett, and others, electors of Burin, and its neighbourhood, and the same was received and read, setting forth—

That the Petitioners having been, by Proclamation, called upon to elect a suitable person to represent them in the Legislature of the Country, did, on the fourteenth day of December, nominate a person, when much insult and open violence was offered to the peaceable part of the Electors for daring to exercise their constitutional privilege in nominating a person whom they were desirous of representing them. Under these circumstances, and apprehensive of the fatal consequences that might arise out of a contested election, in the absence of Military or Civil aid, that Petitioners deemed it expedient to apply to the Stipendiary Magistrate to have a sufficient number of Special Constables appointed, which he refused to do.

That for several days previous to the day of polling, persons were in different parts of the district intimidating the voters, by informing them of the disastrous consequences that would result, (no less than loss of life, and that in a manner too strong to be repeated) if they would venture to vote otherwise than as the majority of their neighbours wished.

That on the day previous to that of Election, a mob of upwards of two hundred persons collected from various parts of the district, marshalled by leaders, for the purpose of intercepting the arrival of voters coming from a distance; that persons so coming were met by said mob, and were insulted and maltreated, as will appear by depositions herewith forwarded.

That on the day of Election, persons were by force carried to the Polling Room, and made vote against their inclinations.

That the Petitioners feel themselves much aggrieved by being deprived of their rights by such unlawful proceedings, and that in order that the peace of the Community might not be disturbed in the absence of any authority to restrain such uncalled for conduct, the Petitioners did not appear at the hustings, for fear of threats so often repeated being put in execution.

That considering the unlawful manner in which the majority of the Electors of the district were so unconstitutionally deprived of their birthright, they most respectfully pray that the House will be pleased not to receive the return of the person said to be elected, but allow the petitioners, who are peaceable and