

ORDERED, That the said petition be now brought up.

Accordingly the said petition was received and read by the Clerk.

SETTING FORTH.—That under the protection of an Act passed in the fortieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, intituled, “An Act to provide Returning Officers, for Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, to serve in Assembly and regulating Elections, to be held for that purpose.”—The petitioner invited by a number of real and free electors of the parish of *St. Pierre* of *St. Paul's Bay*, of the County of *Northumberland*, appeared as a Candidate at the first place of the Election, which was to be held near the Church of the parish of *St. Anne*, in the said County, the ninth day of July last, by *François Sasseville*, the Returning Officer, in conformity to his public notice hereunto annexed, for the end and purpose of Electing two persons to represent the said County, in the present Provincial Parliament.

That the Petitioner there and then, on the ninth day of July last, required the said *François Sasseville*, Returning Officer, to tell him, if he was an Elector of the said County, which he affirmed, by saying, that he had real property.

That the said *François Sasseville*, then began the said Election, and after the usual formalities, some electors, to the number of upwards of thirty, appeared to poll, the Poll being then open, and gave their votes as well to *Jean Marie Poulin* and *Pierre Bedard*, Esqrs. as to the petitioner, all three Candidates.

That towards eleven o'clock in the morning, certain of the Electors who before had given but one vote, appeared anew to vote a second time.

That notwithstanding the representations made by the petitioner to the Returning Officer, to *Jean Marie Poulin* and to *Pierre Bedard*,