

Lawrence O'Connor Doyle, Esquires, were severally nominated as Candidates for the Representation of such Township; that, after such nomination, one of the Electors objected to the qualifications of the said James McNab and Lawrence O'Connor Doyle; that, upon such objection being made, the Sheriff retired with the parties objected to, and, after some absence, returned, and proceeded with the said Election, without giving the Freeholders information of the qualification of the parties objected to; that the Polls at such Election having been afterwards taken, the said Sheriff, at his adjourned Court, declared the said James McNab and Lawrence O'Connor Doyle duly elected as Members to represent the said Township; that Petitioners have since ascertained that the said Lawrence O'Connor Doyle was not, at the time of such Election, duly qualified, as by Law required, to be elected a Member of the Assembly; and that notice of such want of qualification was given to a greater number of persons who voted for the said Lawrence O'Connor Doyle, before giving their votes, than composed his majority at the close of the Poll; and praying that the Election of the said Lawrence O'Connor Doyle may be declared null and void, on account of his not being qualified, as by Law required; and that the said Sheriff may be directed to return, in the room of the said Lawrence O'Connor Doyle, the Candidate duly qualified, who had the majority of votes at the close of the Poll.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Time fixed for consideration thereof.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Wednesday next, the 2d day of February, at one of the clock, take into consideration the said Petition, complaining of an undue Election of Lawrence O'Connor Doyle, one of the Members returned for the Township of Halifax.

Notices sent, &c.

MEMORANDUM.—In pursuance of the Act for regulating the Trials for Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in General Assembly, the like notices, as in former cases, were sent to the several parties, with orders for attendance by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, at the time on which the said Petition was ordered to be taken into consideration.

Atty. Gen. presents
Despatches, &c. in
relation to Ex.
Council, &c.

The Hon. the Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House copies of several Despatches and Communications on the subjects of the formation, construction, and powers, of the Executive Council of this Province, and Colonial Administration in general—and the said copies were read, viz: of

A Despatch from Sir John Harvey to Earl Grey, dated February 2d, 1847, with a copy of a Letter from the Executive Council to His Excellency, dated 30th January, 1847; also, of a Letter from the Attorney General to Sir John Harvey, dated 5th September, 1846; and

Despatches from Earl Grey to Sir John Harvey—one thereof dated 2d March, 1847, and the other dated 31st March, 1847.

(See Appendix No. 1.)

Ordered, That the said several Papers do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 29th January, 1848.

PRAYERS.

Pet. of B. Zwicker
against return of
Mr. Kedy as Mem-
ber for Lunenburg
Township.

A Petition of Benjamin Zwicker, of the Township of Lunenburg, a duly qualified Elector therefor, on behalf of himself and others, Electors of said Township, was presented by the Hon. the Solicitor General, and read, setting forth that the Sheriff