

Elections, and a Register thereof, agreeable to the Colonial Act of the 4th, Wm. 4th, 2d Session, Cap. 15:

We have, &c.

(Signed,)

P. W. CARTER, J. P.
CHAS. SIMMS, J. P.

The Hon. James Crowdy.

Police Office, St. John's, October 3rd, 1839.

SIR,—I beg to acquaint you for the information of his Excellency the Governor, that Mr. Finlay, who has, as his Excellency is already aware, performed the duties of Registrar of Voters, &c. for this district for several years past, has placed in the hands of the Magistrates a Writ for the sum of thirty pounds, which it appears has been sued out against Mr. Finlay for value of Books and Stationery supplied to him for the necessary purposes of his office.

The Police Magistrates have already ventured to express to his Excellency their regret that the Registrar of Voters should have been so long unpaid, not only for the labour and trouble incident to the Office, but even for the necessary disbursements connected therewith, with a hope that the Legislature would have provided funds to meet such expenditure.

Under the circumstances however of a writ being taken against Mr. Finlay, I would respectfully submit that it becomes a matter of almost imperative necessity that he should be protected from the unpleasant consequences of an Action at Law for a debt incurred in the mere fulfilment of the duties of a public office, and as this probably could only be done by payment of the demand and costs, I request you will be pleased again to bring the claim of Mr. Finlay under the consideration of his Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

CHAS. SIMMS, J. P.

The Hon. James Crowdy.

*To His Excellency Henry Prescott, Esq.
Companion of the Most Honorable
Military Order of the Bath, Governor
and Commander-in-Chief in and over
the Island of Newfoundland and its
Dependencies, &c. &c.*

The Memorial of James Finlay humbly sheweth,—That Memorialist was appointed Registrar of Voters for this district in the early part of the year 1835, and shortly afterwards to the Office of High Constable.

That the duties of Registrar of Voters were performed to the entire satisfaction of the Magistrates, from whom Memorialist received his appointment, and Memorialist was paid by a vote of the Legislature the sum of £20 for that year's services.

That Memorialist has ever since continued to perform the duties of his said office, agreeably with the Act providing for the same, and which makes it imperative on the Magistrates to cause lists of voters to be taken and registered annually, for which services in carrying the provisions of an Act of the Legislature into effect, the House of Assembly have refused to make any compensation.

That prior to the Session of the Legislature just closed, Memorialist was induced to hope that the full amount of salary as Registrar of Voters, together with the ar-