

Message from
the Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

Townships
Erection Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intitled, "An Act to confirm the Erection of certain Townships, and for other purposes relative to the Erection of Townships," without any Amendment. And then he withdrew.

Oxford
Election.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was yesterday proposed to be made to the Question, That this House having heard the evidence adduced on the part of *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, in defence of his conduct as Returning Officer for the County of *Oxford* at the last General Election, adheres to its Resolution of the 21st of March last, "That the said *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, having taken upon himself to return *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, as Member for the said County to serve in this present Parliament, contrary to the majority of votes received by him on the Poll Book in favor of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, who ought therefore to have been returned, acted illegally, in defiance of law, in manifest violation of the rights of the freeholders of the said County, and in breach of the privileges of this House."

And which Amendment was That the words "but this House, at the same time, are of opinion that such illegal conduct on the part of *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, arose from an error of judgment," be added at the end thereof.

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Badgley*, *Brooks*, *Cayley*, *Christie*, *Crysler*, *Gugy*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *M'Connell*, *M'Lean*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, *Sherwood* of TORONTO, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, and *Stevenson*.—(18.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, Attorney General *Baldwin*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, Solicitor General *Blake*, *Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Boutillier*, *Burritt*, *Cameron* of KENT, *Cartier*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Davignon*, *DeWitt*, *Dickson*, *Dumas*, *Fergusson*, *Flint*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Guillet*, *Hall*, *Hincks*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, Attorney General *LaFontaine*, *LaTerrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Lyon*, *Marquis*, *M'Farland*, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Morrison*, *Nelson*, *Notman*, *Papineau*, *Price*, *Richards*, *Sauvageau*, *Scott* of BYTOWN, *Scott* of TWO MOUNTAINS, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Taché*, *Thompson*, *Viger*, *Watts*, *Wetenhall*, and *Wilson*.—(52.)

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House having heard the evidence adduced on the part of *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, in defence of his conduct as Returning Officer for the County of *Oxford* at the last General Election, adheres to its Resolution of the 21st March last, "That the said *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, having taken upon himself to return *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, as Member for the said County to serve in this present Parliament, contrary to the majority of votes received by him on the Poll Book in favor of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, who ought therefore to have been returned, acted illegally, in defiance of law, in manifest violation of the rights of the freeholders of the said County, and in breach of the privileges of this House."

Mr. *Wilson* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "*John George Vansittart*, Esquire, in returning "*Peter Carroll*, Esquire, instead of the Honorable "*Francis Hincks*, acted in dereliction of his duty as "Returning Officer for the County of *Oxford*, and "was guilty of a breach of the privileges of this "House," added instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment: the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Christie*, *Dickson*, *Gugy*, *M'Connell*, *M'Lean*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stevenson*, and *Wilson*.—(8.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Badgley*, Attorney General *Baldwin*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, Solicitor General *Blake*, *Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Boutillier*, *Brooks*, *Burritt*, *Cameron* of KENT, *Cartier*, *Cauchon*, *Cayley*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Crysler*, *Davignon*, *DeWitt*, *Duchesnay*, *Dumas*, *Fergusson*, *Flint*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Guillet*, *Hall*, *Hincks*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, Attorney General *LaFontaine*, *LaTerrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *Marquis*, *M'Farland*, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Morrison*, *Nelson*, *Notman*, *Papineau*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Richards*, *Robinson*, *Sauvageau*, *Scott* of BYTOWN, *Scott* of TWO MOUNTAINS, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, *Sherwood* of TORONTO, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Thompson*, *Viger*, *Watts*, and *Wetenhall*.—(62.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, Attorney General *Baldwin*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, Solicitor General *Blake*, *Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Boutillier*, *Burritt*, *Cameron* of KENT, *Cartier*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Davignon*, *DeWitt*, *Duchesnay*, *Dumas*, *Fergusson*, *Flint*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Guillet*, *Hall*, *Hincks*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, Attorney General *LaFontaine*, *LaTerrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Lyon*, *Marquis*, *M'Farland*, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Morrison*, *Nelson*, *Notman*, *Papineau*, *Price*, *Richards*, *Sauvageau*, *Scott* of BYTOWN, *Scott* of TWO MOUNTAINS, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Taché*, *Thompson*, *Viger*, *Watts*, and *Wetenhall*.—(51.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Badgley*, *Brooks*, *Cayley*, *Christie*, *Crysler*, *Dickson*, *Gugy*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *M'Connell*, *M'Lean*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, *Sherwood* of TORONTO, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stevenson*, and *Wilson*.—(20.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Notman* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to remove the said *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, from being Inspector of Licenses for the District of *Brock*, as a warning to others who shall hereafter fill the very responsible office of Returning Officer.

Sir Allan N. MacNab moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "*John George Vansittart*, Esquire, be brought to the bar of this House, that he there be admonished "by Mr. Speaker, and then discharged," added instead thereof.