

DUNHAM, C. E., Feb. 3rd, 1858.

Sir,—In addition to the statement of facts already submitted for the information of His Excellency the Governor General, in regard to the late Municipal Election for the Township of *Dunham*, in the County of *Missisquoi*, we would beg leave to present the enclosed affidavit, and to state further that we are now perfectly convinced that the proceedings of the Returning Officer, *Galloway L. Kemp*, were the result of a preconcerted plan to defraud the rate-payers of the Township out of their Municipal rights. Although perfectly assured that His Excellency will have no desire to take upon himself the office of judge of the legality or illegality of the aforesaid election, since the Statute has provided a competent tribunal to determine that question, yet we feel it due to His Excellency to disclose the nefarious attempt that has been made to induce him to appoint persons as Councillors for said Township whom the rate-payers themselves would not promote to any office whatever.

In the first place then we charge distinctly, that *Henri Des Rivières*, Warden of the County of *Missisquoi*, at the instance of *Levi Stevens*, a leading candidate for the office of Councillor in said Township, appointed said *Levi Stevens*, Returning Officer for said Election, and sent to him the Public Notice of said Election at least ten days before the time appointed for the same, that subsequently, at the instance of the said *Levi Stevens*, the said Warden, substituted *Galloway L. Kemp*, the son-in law of said *Levi Stevens*, as such Returning Officer; that the said *Levi Stevens* and his confreres candidates, finding that there was no prospect of their being elected, and that certainly three-fourths of the rate-payers of the Township were in favor of the election of a different set of candidates, publicly declared that he would have the election, if not by fair means that he would by foul; that thereupon at the opening of the election, the said *Galloway L. Kemp* having read his Warrant as Returning Officer, at first *refused* to proceed with the election, pretending that he had inadvertently omitted to read the notice of the meeting at the Church door, and that therefore no election could legally take place. In this pretension the said Returning Officer was sustained by *Levi Stevens*, *Thomas Woods*, *Gardner H. Sweet*, and four others, all candidates for election, and now applicants for the appointment at the hands of His Excellency; that thereupon the Electors then and there present numbering at least three hundred, loudly accused the said Returning Officer of conniving to prevent the electors obtaining their choice, and insisted that they who had been the authors of all the arrangements of the election should not be permitted to defeat it, and that they who had the notices of the election in their pockets should not be heard when they complained of want of notice. That if there was any omission of any formality, they who had caused it should not be permitted to take advantage of it, particularly when the law had enacted that such omission should not of necessity render the election void; that thereupon the Returning Officer did proceed with the election according to law, when *Richard M. Scott*, *Jesse M. Schofield*, *Hiram Travers*, *Horatio N. Clarke*, *Edward Rychard*, *William S. Baker*, *William Kerley*, all of said *Dunham*,