

although the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, was and is disqualified, as above set forth, from sitting in the said Legislative Assembly; and the majority on the poll in favour of the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, was only collusive and colourable, and the said *Benjamin Ham*, was and is entitled to the majority of the good and legal votes.

Petition against Lennox and Addington election.

Petitioners therefore humbly pray the House to enquire into the merits of the said election, and the conduct of the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, and *Allan McDonell*, in regard thereto, and to relieve the petitioners, either by requiring the said *Allan McDonell*, to amend the return made by him of the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, by inserting the name of the said *Benjamin Ham*, in such return, in place of that of the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, disqualified from sitting in the said Legislative Assembly, by reason of the bribery and other corrupt and illegal acts, committed by him the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, as above mentioned, or cause a new writ to issue for the election of a fit and proper person to represent the said counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*, in place of the said *John Solomon Cartwright*. Petitioners crave permission to offer evidence in support of the allegations of their petition, before a Committee of this Honorable House, which may be appointed to try the merits of the said election.

*Ordered*—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

A Petition of *Benjamin Ham*, of the township of *Ernestown*, was presented to the House by Mr. *Hmcks*, and the same was received and read, setting forth: that at the election of a member to serve in the first Parliament to be holden in the united Province of *Canada*, for the incorporated counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*, which said election was held at the village of *Bath*, in the said incorporated counties, on *Monday*, the fifteenth day of *March* last, petitioner and *John Solomon Cartwright*, now the sitting member, were respectively proposed as candidates to represent the said incorporated counties in the Legislative Assembly of the said first Parliament, and *Allan McDonell*, Esquire, the Sheriff of the said *Midland* District, acted as the Returning Officer, and presided at the said election.

That the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, by means of bribes, treats, rewards, or favors, paid, given, or offered, or promised to be paid or given by himself or by others, as his friends, agents, committee, or supporters, to divers freeholders and electors of the said counties; and by threats and intimidation, and other corrupt and illegal acts, induced certain of such electors to tender their votes at the said election, for him the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, and the said *Allan McDonell* admitted the votes of such electors, for the said *John Solomon Cartwright*.

That the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, by reason of such bribes, treats, or favors, or promises thereof, and by the said threats and intimidation, and other corrupt and illegal conduct, become, and was, and is disqualified from sitting in this present Parliament, as a member of the Legislative Assembly, and ought not to have been returned as the member for the said counties at the late election.

That during the said election, the said *Allan McDonell* conducted himself, as such Returning Officer, in an arbitrary, partial, illegal, and overbearing manner, in order to intimidate the electors at the election, and to favor the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, and that by reason thereof, freeholders desirous of tendering and recording their votes in favor of petitioner, were prevented from so doing; and the said *Allan McDonell*, by the rejection of good votes tendered for petitioner, and also by his arbitrary, partial, illegal, and overbearing conduct, induced the Petitioner to relinquish the contest, when many votes remained unpollled, and the said