

Petitions read.

Of *Gardner Church* and others, of *Hull* and other Townships, in the County of *Ottawa*; praying a grant of money to build Bridges and repair the Road between the mouth of the *Gatineau River* and the *Victoria Farm*.

Of *D. C. McLean* and others, of the Township of *Eardley* and its vicinity, in the County of *Ottawa*; praying a grant of money to improve certain Roads in the said County.

Of the Reverend *Archibald John Macdonell* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *Alexandria*; of the Reverend *George A. Hay* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *St. Andrews*; of the Reverend *J. F. Cannon* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *Cornwall*; of *Duncan McDonell* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *St. Raphaël, Glengary*; of the Reverend *Alexander Macdonell* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *L'Orignal*; of the Reverend *M. Lalor* and others, of *Picton*; of the Reverend *Charles Bourke* and others, of *Tyendinaga*, in the County of *Hastings*; of the Reverend *John Foley* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*; of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Carrhæ* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of the City of *Kingston*, and its vicinity; of the Reverend *Michael MacDonnell* and others, of the Township of *Camden*; of the Reverend *Hugh Fitzpatrick* and others, of the Townships of *Ops* and *Emily*; of *Edward King* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *Kemptville* and *Merrickville*; and of *Archibald John MacDonell* and others, Roman Catholic inhabitants of *Cobourg*; praying that the College of *Regiopolis*, at *Kingston*, may be established upon a permanent and respectable basis, by a provision for its support, either from the property of the University of *Toronto*, or out of the proceeds of the Jesuits' Estates, or from some other source.

Of *Marc Aurèle Plamondon*, President, and others, Members of the Committee of management of the "*Institut Canadien de Québec*"; praying an Act of Incorporation.

Of *Alexander McDonell* and others, of the County of *Glengary*; setting forth:—That the Election and Return of *John Sandfield Macdonald*, as the Member for the County of *Glengary*, are illegal and contrary to law, as only six days notice of the Election was given by the Returning Officer, instead of eight, as required by law; in consequence of which many of the Electors were ignorant of the day of Election, and were thereby debarred giving their votes for the candidate of their choice: That bribery, corruption, intimidation, and promises of reward were made by the said *John Sandfield Macdonald*, and by his agents, to secure his Election; all of which the Petitioners are prepared to prove; and praying the House may be pleased to cause investigation to be instituted into the legality of said Election.

Of Dame *Adelaide Turcot*, widow of the late *John Clark*, Esquire, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, in the County of *Montmorenci*; representing that her late husband died of typhus fever contracted by him in attending the Emigrants during the past season, in his capacity of Physician; and praying a pension, or such other relief, as the House may deem meet.

Of *Adam Johnston Fergusson* and others, Electors for the County of *Waterloo*; setting forth:—That at the late Election in and for the County of *Waterloo*, of a Member to represent the said County in this Parliament, *James Webster*, Esquire, and the Petitioner, the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, were the candidates; and that the other Petitioners are, and at the time of the said Election were, Electors of the said County, having a right to vote at the Election to which this Petition relates, and that they voted for the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* at the said Election: That at the said Election the said *James*

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*Webster* was declared and returned as duly elected by the Returning Officer, on which occasion the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* tendered to the said Returning Officer a written protest against the return of the said *James Webster*, which protest the said Returning Officer refused to receive: That the Petitioners have good reason to believe, and verily do believe, that a large majority of legal votes was recorded at the said Election in favor of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, and that the majority of the said *James Webster* is only a colorable one, being composed of persons not entitled to the franchise: That Polls were held at the said Election in the Townships of *Arthur, Normanby, Egremont, Bentinck, Glenelg, Sullivan, Holland, Derby, and Sydenham*, which are situated in the extensive and newly settled territory commonly known as the *Owen's Sound Tract*, and that vast numbers of votes were recorded in these Townships for the said *James Webster*, whereby the large majority obtained by the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* in the old-settled portion of the County, was overborne and out-numbered: That the Petitioners have reason to believe, and verily do believe, that great numbers of patents from the Crown were issued to inhabitants of these Townships immediately before the said Election, and for the express purpose of influencing the said Election in favor of the said *James Webster*: That the Petitioners have also reason to believe, and verily do believe, that a very great proportion of the persons who voted for the said *James Webster* in these Townships, at the said Election, were not freeholders at the time of voting, and that the lands in right of which they were allowed to vote, were at the time vested in the Crown, no patents having ever issued therefor: That in the said Townships, no free, orderly, or peaceable Election was held on the said occasion; but, on the contrary, a general scene of outrage, intimidation, and violence prevailed: That the most fearful threats, attended in some cases by actual violence, were offered to the supporters of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* in the said Townships, by the supporters of the said *James Webster*, whereby the former were, almost without exception, deterred and prevented from voting for the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, as they would otherwise have done: That the agents of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* in four of the said Townships, were seized, at the said Election, by the supporters of the said *James Webster*, and forcibly carried off and imprisoned by them; so that the said agents were unable to be present at the respective Polls which they had been appointed to attend, and the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* was, in consequence, entirely unrepresented thereat: That others of the agents of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, in the other Townships of the said *Owen's Sound Tract*, were assaulted, threatened, and ill-treated by the supporters of the said *James Webster*, in order to prevent them from doing their duty as such agents: That the Deputy Returning Officers in all the said Townships of the *Owen's Sound Tract*, admitted persons to vote for the said *James Webster* indiscriminately, and without regard to their property qualification: That the said Deputy Returning Officers, at such of the said Townships as the agents of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* were permitted to attend, generally refused to make the voters of the said *James Webster* swear to their freehold qualification, as required by law, though the same was expressly demanded by the agents of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*: That the said Deputy Returning Officers also refused, in many instances, to permit the said agents of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* even to ask the voters of the said *James Webster* whether they had deeds or not; and that many of the said voters openly admitted, at the time of voting, that they had no deeds;