

that the Mayor, who was generally so averse to any breach of the rules of order on the part of the Councillors, should now make no efforts to restrain the interference of the mob.

The rage and fury of the Mayor, on the motion being carried was unbounded; with clenched fist he threatened Councillor Long—said he would be Mayor in spite of them till January, 1857, and, if they did not behave themselves, would sit there after that. He permitted the mob to take part in the debate in his favor.

A person sitting near the Mayor rose and addressed the meeting, saying he had a petition for the dismissal of the whole Council, and the Mayor followed by declaring that Mr. Long should never sit there again. He threatens Mr. Gilkison with arrest for describing such language as impertinent, and joined with the mob in the cheers, yells and groans that drowned Mr. Gilkison's voice.

It is impossible to speak too highly of the courage and calmness which the gentlemen of the Council persisted in their course of voting the reception of the address, and standing true to law, order and justice, in spite of the yelling and hooting of the ruffians, who pressed on their very backs. Upon Mr. Turner apologizing for having supported the reading of the petition, and declaring his intention of supporting the Mayor in what he had done with reference to T. S. Shenston, Esq., the Mayor withdrew his objections to the discussion of the petition, and declared his willingness to have it put through. But Mr. Shenston and his friends refused to take another step in presence of so much violence, and left the Hall.

It was clear that Mr. Shenston's friends were by far the most numerous, but they were not of the class to compete with the characters that had been assembled.

Messrs. Racey, Cartan and Gilkison moved adjournments on the grounds that it was impossible to carry on any business in the presence of so much noise and excitement. Mr. Hurst's motion to refer the subject to the Rate Payers was carried, and we understand that it is Mr. Shenston's intention to convene a meeting of the Rate Payers, under the Act, in the County Court House, where the Chairman is elected by the meeting, and is *de facto* the Magistrate for the time being, with power to enforce order, the question in dispute may then be fairly debated.

On the departure of Mr. Shenston and his friends, we are informed that the Mayor mounted the Council Table, "Now for a free fight—bring on your Mr. Shenston." In a rambling speech he abused all the office holders, including Postmaster, Registrar, Sheriff and School Teachers, and promised to have them all dismissed.—*Expositor, June 3d.*

Introduction of the Mob, by Mayor Mathews, into the Town Hall to Intimidate the Town Council.

It becomes our painful duty in this issue to comment at some length upon the extraordinary scene enacted in our Town Hall at the sitting of the Council on Monday evening last.

If only for the credit of Brantford through the Province, we would gladly pass this matter over in silence, but, however remiss other por-