

*Simon Z. Watson*, did, during the poll held at *Chateauguay*, and at *St. Philip*, in the County aforesaid, forcibly and violently repulse and intimidate a number of electors of the said County, who tendered their votes in favour of the petitioner, and that the Hustings, or place fixed for holding the poll, was not at all times so free and easy of access as the Law requires, inasmuch as the said *Simon Z. Watson*, Returning Officer aforesaid, did order a bailiff named *Jacques Verner*, to stand at the door or entrance of the said Hustings, armed with an Iron Ram Rod, to repulse, intimidate and impede the voters of the petitioner, and that many other bailiffs, were, by the said *Stephen Sewell*, Esquire, brought from the City of *Montreal*, in the district aforesaid, and by him employed, to obstruct the free admission of the voters for the petitioner, and to favour his own. That at *St. Philip* aforesaid, the petitioner has further to complain of the obstruction permitted by the said *Simon Z. Watson*, whereby one *Jacques Lebeau*, of the parish of *St. Constant*, in the County aforesaid, and many others of the petitioner's voters, were prevented from coming forward to offer their suffrages. That a number of persons, among whom were *Aaron Mesfenger*, *Daniel Smith*, and *Nun Moe*, were produced by the said *Stephen Sewell*, Esquire, who upon being interrogated, confessed that they were not native subjects of His Majesty, and yet the said *Simon Z. Watson*, Returning Officer aforesaid, knowingly, and with intention to favor the election of the said *Stephen Sewell*, Esquire, did, admit them to vote, and be entered on his poll book, notwithstanding the objections thereunto made by the petitioner. That the poll taken by the said *Simon Z. Watson*, at the election aforesaid, was in many instances so irregularly kept, as to render it difficult for the Candidates to ascertain who had the majority of legal votes, and that the said *Simon Z. Watson*, did permit his Clerk, and the said *Stephen Sewell*, Esquire, to make erasures after the signatures of the Candidates had been thereunto affixed; and that the qualifications of the voters, and the description of the freeholds, on which they claimed the right to vote, were not so clearly and distinctly taken as to be properly identified. That the said *Simon Z. Watson*, Returning Officer aforesaid, in abuse of the power and authority with which he was invested, did loudly threaten to turn out the petitioner from the Hustings, kept near the Church door of the parish of *Chateauguay* aforesaid, whereby the petitioner

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