

and Country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of Speech in their Debates, access to Your Excellency's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favorable consideration.

Then, the Honorable the Speaker of the Senate said :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Commons to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Commons shall have ready access to His Excellency on all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favorable construction.

And the House being returned ;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been in the Senate Chamber, and that he had informed His Excellency that the choice of Speaker had fallen upon him ; and also in the name of this House and on its behalf, he had laid claim to all their rights and privileges, that they may enjoy freedom of Speech in their Debates, and have access to His Excellency's Person as occasion shall require, and that all their proceedings may receive from His Excellency the most favorable construction ; to which His Excellency was pleased to say, that he readily and willingly granted and allowed the Commons their constitutional privileges, as well as ready access to His Excellency on all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as their words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favorable construction.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Judgment, bearing date 7th August, 1878, of the Honorable Mr. Justice *Plamondon*, one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874," in the matter of the Election Petition,

For the Electoral District of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*.

And the same was read and ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House, and is as follows :—

(*Translation.*)

DRUMMOND AND ARTHABASKA CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

DOMINION OF CANADA, }
Province of Quebec, } *In the Superior Court.*
 District of *Arthabaska.* }

(The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874.)

THOMAS BARIL, *et al*,

Petitioners.

AND

ZÉPHIRIN DÉSIÉ, *alias* OLIVIER DÉSIÉ BOURBEAU,

Respondent.

The twenty-ninth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

PRESENT :

The HONORABLE M. A. PLAMONDON, J.S.C.

The Respondent was, on the twenty-seventh day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, declared to be elected a Member of the House of Commons of *Canada*, for the Electoral District of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*.