

“ third day of August, ultimo, I have received returns which appear to have been regularly  
 “ made according to the requirements of law in that behalf for the following Polling  
 “ Places, that is to say : The township of *Macaulay*—the united townships of *Draper*,  
 “ *Ryde* and *Oakley*—the township of *Muskoka*—the township of *Monck*—the townships of  
 “ *Watt* and *Cardwell*—*Rosseau Junction*—the polling place halfway between *Rosseau*  
 “ *Junction* and the *Magnetewan*—the polling place at *Magnetewan*—the polling place half-  
 “ way between *Rosseau Junction* and *Parry Sound*—the polling place at *Parry Sound*  
 “ *Village*—the polling place at *Parry Sound Junction*—the *Dam* polling place—the polling  
 “ place at *McKellar's Falls*—the polling place at *Utlerson*—the polling place at *Huntsville*—  
 “ the polling place at *Port Carling*, and the polling place at *Byng Inlet*.

“ I further declare that the return for the Township of *Morrison*, being also one of  
 “ the polling places or divisions mentioned in the said Proclamation, has not been duly  
 “ made to me. That I have examined *Henry N. Anderson*, the Deputy Returning Officer  
 “ for that polling division, upon oath, and that his statement in writing, signed by him  
 “ and sworn before me is hereto annexed, and I declare that the poll book for *Morrison*  
 “ aforesaid has been lost and cannot be found, and that the said *Henry N. Anderson* either  
 “ omitted to appoint a Poll Clerk duly, or, if he appointed a Poll Clerk, the person so ap-  
 “ pointed did not officiate at the said polling place or division, and I am therefore unable  
 “ to comply with the provisions of Consolidated Statutes of Canada, chapter six, section  
 “ sixty-eight, and of subsection two of the said section, which requires that in case of the  
 “ loss of a poll book the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk shall be examined on  
 “ oath or affirmation—which examination shall be taken down in writing, and be sub-  
 “ scribed by such Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk and annexed to the returns in  
 “ lieu of such Poll Book. And I further declare that in the Poll Book for the Polling  
 “ Division of *Parry Sound*, I find, after the first two entries, the remaining entries are  
 “ made in a different handwriting, and, on enquiry, I find the cause to be that *John Wilson*,  
 “ the person appointed by the Deputy Returning Officer to act as Poll Clerk at that place,  
 “ was found to be incompetent to discharge his duties, and that the Deputy Returning  
 “ Officer forthwith called upon one *Foley* to act as Poll Clerk in lieu of said *Wilson*, and  
 “ that the said *Foley* did so act without being sworn, as required by law ; and that, not-  
 “ withstanding these facts, the said Poll Book has been returned to me with the oath of  
 “ the said *Wilson*, but without the oath of the said *Foley*, who kept the said Poll Book  
 “ throughout the said Polling, with the exception of the time occupied in recording the  
 “ first two votes.

“ And, I further declare, that upon the state of facts above set forth, I am unable to  
 “ make a return of the said election, in compliance with the provision of the law in that  
 “ behalf.

“ As witness my hand and seal, this fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight  
 “ hundred and seventy-two.

(Signed,)

RICHARD JAMES BELL, (L.S.)  
 Returning Officer.”

That the said *Cockburn* ought to have been returned as Member for *Muskoka* in this  
 Parliament, and that he has a right to take his seat in this House as Member for *Muskoka*.  
 Saving, however, to all candidates and others their right of contesting the said election, if  
 they think proper, in such manner as may appertain to law and justice, and according to  
 the usage of Parliament.

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House forthwith  
 and amend the Return for the Electoral District of *Muskoka*, by inserting therein the  
 name of *Alexander Peter Cockburn*, Esquire, as having been duly elected for the said  
 District.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended and amended the Return for the  
 Electoral District of *Muskoka* accordingly.