

petitioner be admitted to take his seat accordingly and that the House will further ordain and decree in the matter, as in law and justice it may appertain.

Ordered—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

Petition complaining
of Vaudreuil election.

A Petition of divers Electors of the County of *Vaudreuil* was presented to the House by Mr. *Morin* and the same was received and read setting forth

That an Election was held on *Monday* the eighth day of *March* last past, at the village of *Cedars*, in the county of *Vaudreuil* by *Michel Lefebvre*, Esquire, Returning Officer, for the purpose of choosing a Member to represent the county in the Assembly of the Province.

The candidates were *John Simpson*, and *André Jobin*, Esquires; the latter having been declared returned, by show of hands in his favor, a Poll was demanded by the supporters of *J. Simpson*, which was opened by the Returning Officer, who continued to receive the votes of the electors till four o'clock, and then adjourned to the day after, the ninth of *March*; on which day the Returning Officer continued to record the votes till about half-past two o'clock without interruption, at which period the majority in favor of *André Jobin* was about sixty votes a head, and was rapidly increasing; when a most brutal attack was made upon *A. Jobin's* supporters by a number of hired bullies and other persons in the interest of *J. Simpson*; which resulted in grievous bodily injuries to many of *A. Jobin's* supporters, who were all driven from the Poll and prevented to return to it by a large mob of bullies and ruffians armed with sticks, axes, and other weapons, and by one *Roebuck*, the step-son of the said *J. Simpson*; and from thence the supporters of *A. Jobin* were entirely prevented to approach the Poll: notwithstanding these occurrences and the protest of *A. Jobin*, the Returning Officer considered it his duty to return said *J. Simpson*, as duly elected.

Petitioners therefore pray that, in consequence of the violence used by said *J. Simpson* and his supporters, with his knowledge and consent, to prevent the electors from peaceably recording their votes, the House will either declare that *A. Jobin*, who, at the time the riot commenced, was in the majority, should have been returned, or cause the election to be cancelled, and afford an opportunity to the electors of the county freely to elect the person of their choice: in the latter case, Petitioners pray that the House would adopt such measures as to its wisdom may seem meet, to prevent the occurrence of singular scenes, otherwise they must cease to exercise their elective franchise, or go armed to resist, with effect, any attempt that may be made to interfere with them in the exercise of their constitutional rights.

Petitioners further earnestly and solemnly impress upon this Honorable House an immediate investigation into the disgraceful occurrences that have taken place, at several of the elections in the District of Montreal; in order to bring to condign punishment the conspirators who have dared, by the means of hired bands of armed ruffians, to assault and murder the electors, and impose upon them, as their representatives, persons in whom they put no confidence.

Ordered that the petition do lie upon the table.

Another Petition complain-
ing of Vaudreuil
election

A Petition of *André Jobin*, Esquire, was presented to the House by Mr. *Morin* and the same was received and read setting forth—

That an election was held on *Monday* the eighth day of *March* last, at the village of *les Cédres*, in the said county, by *Michel Lefebvre*, Esquire, Returning Officer for the purpose of choosing a member to represent the county in Assembly of this Province.

The candidates were *John Simpson*, Esquire, and Petitioner: the