

Petition against Huron election

a colourable majority of ten votes, and was therefore returned to serve in this Honorable House for the said county of *Huron*, to the great prejudice of the Petitioner, who had, upon the said election, as he submits it will appear, upon a scrutiny of the poll, a majority of good and legal votes, and is therefore entitled to take his seat in this Honorable House, as the representative member of the said county.

Petitioner therefore humbly prays, that the said *James McGill Strachan* may be declared not duly elected, and that the Petitioner may be declared duly elected and may be substituted in the place of the said *James McGill Strachan*, to take his seat as knight to represent the said county in the present Provincial Parliament, and that this Honorable House will grant such further relief to Petitioner as the merits of the case may require.

*Ordered*—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

Petition against Lennox and Addington Election.

A Petition of *David Roblin*, and others, freeholders of the incorporated counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*, in the *Midland* District, was presented to the House by Mr. *Hincks*, and the same was received and read, setting forth :

That the Petitioners are freeholders in the incorporated counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*, in the *Midland* District of the said Province, and as such are entitled to vote at the election of a member to represent the said incorporated counties in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province.

That at the election of such member of the Legislative Assembly for the said incorporated counties, held at *Bath*, on *Monday* the fifteenth day of *March* last, *Benjamin Ham*, Esquire, and *John Solomon Cartwright*, Esquire, were respectively proposed as candidates to represent the said incorporated counties in such Legislative Assembly, and *Allan McDonell*, Esquire, the sheriff of the said *Midland* District acted as the Returning Officer and presided at the said election.

That the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, by means of bribes, treats, rewards, or favors, or promises of bribes, treats, rewards, or favors, paid, given, or offered, or promised to be paid or given by himself, or others, as his friends, agents, committee, or supporters, to divers freeholders and electors of the said counties, and by threats and intimidation, and other corrupt and illegal acts, induced certain of such electors to tender their votes at the said election, for him the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, and the said *Allan McDonell* admitted the votes of such electors for the said *John Solomon Cartwright*.

That the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, by reason of such bribes, treats, or favors, or promises thereof, and by the said threats and intimidation, and other corrupt and illegal conduct, became and was and is disqualified from sitting in this present Parliament as a member of the Legislative Assembly, and ought not to have been returned, as the member for the said counties at the late election.

That during the said election, the said *Allan McDonell* conducted himself as such Returning Officer, in an arbitrary, partial, illegal and overbearing manner, in order to intimidate the electors at the said election, and to favour the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, and that by reason thereof, freeholders, desirous of tendering and recording their votes in favor of the said *Benjamin Ham*, were prevented from so doing, and the said *Allan McDonell*, by the rejection of good votes tendered for the said *Benjamin Ham*, and also by his arbitrary, partial, illegal, and overbearing conduct, induced the said *Benjamin Ham*, to relinquish the contest, when many votes remained unpolled, and the said *Allan McDonell*, illegally and improperly returned the said *John Solomon Cartwright*, as duly elected,