

Queen's County who placed the old minute books of the Supreme Court at our service.

The oldest minute book now in possession of the Court opens with this entry:—

“COURT

“Peter Stewart, Esq., Chief Justice.

“Robert Gray and James Curtis, Esqrs., Assistant Judges.

“Peter Macgowan, Esq., Attorney General.

“Charles Stewart, Esq.,

“Joseph Robinson, Esq.,

“John Wentworth, Esq.,

} Attornies.

“Robert Hodgson, Clerk of the Court.

“8th Feb'y, 1801.”

The Court met on the 19th. of February of that year and sat until the 24th. A number of cases were tried, all unimportant as far as affording material for this article is concerned.

On Tuesday, the 30th June, 1801, the Court met as usual, and the Grand Jury was called and sworn; and on July 1st, (there was no Dominion Day to be observed as a Statute holiday in 1801) the Court ordered the Sheriff to “summon a good jury against the morrow.” On this day some unimportant cases were dealt with.

On the 2nd the Court met and read a petition of John McDonald and James Douglas, Esquires. I am sorry that I cannot find what this petition was about, but it shows that the experience of Court practice was felt in those days pretty much the same as in these, for the record proceeds, stating:

“The Attorney-General moves that John McDonald, one of the petitioners be brought into Court to answer for his contempt to the Court therein contained in the following words: ‘The said Captain John McDonald also represents that he has long had continuation of many serious causes of