

That the said public notice is illegal, in as much as the said Returning Officer, has therein fixed the term of the second Poll, fourteen days after the first Poll, while that, according to an Article of the said Act, the second Poll ought to be open in three days after the conclusion of the first, there being a communication by land, between the two places of Election, of which the Returning Officer availed himself to come to the first place.

That the said Returning Officer has illegally, in the said public notice, peremptorily fixed the holding of the second Poll for the twenty-third day of the said month of July, at *Saint Paul's Bay*, whereby the Electors of that part have been deceived, to the number of two thousand (while at the first place there are about three hundred only) who would not go to the said first place of Election, at twelve leagues distance from the second place, relying on the said public notice, and on the said Officer's holding, as he had published the Poll or said Election, on the day therein mentioned, in the said parish of *Saint Paul's Bay*, where a great number of Electors appeared to name their Representatives, but were prevented by not then and there finding the said Returning Officer, of which they drew up a declaration, as appears by the writing hereunto annexed.

That in a word, the said *François Sasseville*, Returning Officer, was not before, nor at the time of the said Election, nor is he yet qualified, as required by the third Article of the said Act, to be Returning Officer for the said County of *Northumberland*, not being an elector in and for the said County, for which he was thus named and appointed, in virtue of His Majesty's Writ, dated Monday the eighteenth day of June last, which Writ, the said *François Sasseville*, caused to be solicited and obtained by surprise.—Which Writ, the said advertisement, the holding of the Poll and of the said Election, its closure, the indenture and return are in the humble opinion of the petitioner so many nullities, being accessaries following the principal, that is to say, the disqualification of the said Returning Officer.

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