

out the name of Edward Baker, and inserting the name of the Petitioner, instead thereof, or grant such other relief, as to the House shall seem meet.

*Ordered*, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Pyke, *ordered*, That Mr. Dickson and Mr. Cochran be heard by themselves, or their Counsel, on the merits of their respective Petitions, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, the Petition of Thomas L. Dixon, and the return of the Sheriff of the County of Cumberland, on the writ for the Township of Amherst, were severally read by the Clerk; and, thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner be notified, that this House will hear the Petitioner, or Counsel on his behalf, on Monday next, solely on the objection made by the Petitioner to the qualification of the sitting member.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at Eleven of the Clock.

Friday, November 21, 1806.

#### PRAYERS.

A Petition of Edward Whitman, was presented by Mr. Northup, and read, setting forth, that Thomas Walker, of Annapolis, merchant, and the Petitioner, were Candidates at the last Election for one Member to represent, in General Assembly, the Township of Annapolis; that the Poll was opened on the 14th July last, and kept open for the space of three days; that, during the said Election, William Winniett, Esq. the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, did suffer divers persons, not resident nor having any freehold in the Township of Annapolis, to come to the said Poll, and vote for a Member to represent the said Township, and did receive their suffrages, for the said Thomas Walker, notwithstanding the Petitioner did oppose, and object to, his polling the said persons: that by receiving the Votes of the said persons, who at the Election acknowledged they had no freehold within the present limits of the Town of Annapolis, (which limits have been fixed and established for upwards of twenty years) a majority of Votes was unjustly obtained for the said Thomas Walker. That the numbers at the close of the Poll, in which are included the persons, who have no freehold within the Township of Annapolis, but who vote by right of their freeholds, in the Township of Clements, were, for Mr. Walker, 106, and for the Petitioner, 79. That the number of Voters, within the present Township of Annapolis is, only, 139, of which Mr. Walker had 61, and the Petitioner 78, having a majority of 17 legal voters in favor of the Petitioner; notwithstanding which, the said Sheriff declared the said Thomas Walker, duly elected, and has returned him as the Member to represent the said Township of Annapolis; that, admitting the right of the persons to Vote, who reside within the ancient bounds of the Township of Annapolis, a part of which is now called Clements, (the equity or legality of which, the Petitioner humbly begs leave to submit to the consideration of the House) the numbers will stand for Mr. Walker, 72, for the Petitioner, 78, still having a majority of six, in favor of the Petitioner. That if the House should be of opinion, that the persons resident in that part of the Township of Clements, which is within the ancient limits of the Township of Annapolis, have a right to vote for a Member to serve in General Assembly, for that Township; upon any fair legal grounds, yet the Petitioner humbly conceives, that the persons whose freeholds are in other parts of Clements, have no such right; and that their Votes must be rejected; that the Petitioner also states, that, during the said Election, the Sheriff undertook to reject the vote of John Hicks, one of the people called Quakers, who would have voted for the Petitioner, because the said John Hicks, refused to take an oath in support of his freehold, and the said Sheriff also rejected the vote of Fairfield Woodbury, in favor of the Petitioner,