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The Order of this House of Friday last, for the attendance of the Honorable *L. S. Morin*, and *Jean Baptiste Mongenais*, Esquire, in their places in this House, this day, being read;

Mr. *Langevin* rose in his place and informed the House that he was desired by the Honorable *L. S. Morin* to state that he was unable to attend the meeting of the County of *Verchères* controverted Election Committee, on Friday the thirteenth instant, having been detained by professional business, and the cars having arrived too late to enable him to be present at the said meeting.

And the Honorable *L. S. Morin* having verified the same upon oath,
Resolved, That the said statement be considered a sufficient excuse.

And Mr. *Mongenais*, not attending in his place,

Ordered, That the 85th section of the Act respecting Controverted Parliamentary Elections, be now read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That *Jean Baptiste Mongenais*, Esquire, being a member of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition, complaining of an undue Election and return for the County of *Verchères*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee on Friday last, be taken into the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House for such neglect of duty.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature being read;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *J. S. Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sicotte*,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *J. S. Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sicotte*,

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

Tuesday, 17th February, 1863.

The Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had been unable to comply with the Orders of the House of yesterday, for taking into his custody *James Morton*, Esquire, the Honorable *Alexander Tilloch Galt*, and *Jean Baptiste Mongenais*, Esquire, in consequence of their absence from this city.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By Mr. *Huntington*,—The Petition of *Charles Allen* and others, of the Counties of *Shefford* and *Brome*, and the Petition of *James Chalmers* and others, of the Township of *Granby*, County of *Shefford*.

By Mr. *Denis*,—The Petition of *T. Rochon* and others.

By Mr. *Labreche-Viger*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. Dagenais* and others, of the Parish of *St. Thérèse de Blainville*, County of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Archambault*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *L'Assomption*, and the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Assomption*.

By Mr. *J. B. E. Dorion*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. Pelletier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eusèbe de Stanfold*, County of *Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Desaulniers*,—The Petition of *L. J. B. Beauchemin* and others, of the Township of *St. Etienne*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. D. Comeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Boniface*; and the Petition of the Reverend *C. F. Turgeon* and others, of the Parish of *St. Séver*, all of the County of *St. Maurice*.