

At the same Election the Judge reproached several people and vented abuse, which in my opinion debased him. He said at the Hustings that Mr. *Planté* could not represent them, being obliged to scour the country after any little business he could procure; that Mr. *Huot* was an indigent man, worth only forty shillings, that he was ruined, that he, Mr. *De Bonne*, had settled his affairs, some time since—that Mr. *Huot* kept the public Scales upon the Market, and fought every day with the country people. Mr. *Huot* replied, that Mr. *De Bonne* also kept the Scales of Justice, but he did not know how; that the Electors would judge and vote for him, if he kept them just; the majority voted against the Judge. I was enraged at such unjust insinuations, and wished to prosecute the Judge; but Mr. *Panet* persuaded me from it. I have heard all classes say it did not become Judges to interfere in Elections or Representations; and it is my opinion. *Prisque Le François* of *L'ange Gardien*, deceased, proposed Mr. *De Bonne* for the third Parliament, at *Ste. Anne*, and at *Chateau Richer*, and continued to do so, although Judge *De Bonne* was elected elsewhere; as well as I recollect, the Law-suit about the Bridge was then pending. I believe the inhabitants of the *Côte de Beaupré*, especially those of *L'Ange Gardien*, conceived that Mr. *De Bonne* was the only person that could prevent the Bridge at the Falls, being erected. Conceiving that at all events he would prevent it from being built, above the Falls, they were on that account induced to vote for him. I think Mr. *De Bonne* would not have failed having every one of the votes, excepting those who wanted the Bridge to be above the Falls; as I have relations there, I know their sentiments; I was at the Election last summer to propose Mr. *Panet*; I found that not one would vote for him; but that they would all vote for Mr. *De Bonne*.

Mr. *Panet* appeared before the Committee, and observed that as Speaker of the House, he would ask whether the Committee could examine him; and requested to be exempted, and then withdrew.

The question was then put by the Chairman; shall Mr. *Panet* be examined?

RESOLVED.