

From an experience of twenty years, acting in the capacity of Clerk to these Committees, I have frequently witnessed a desire on their part to avail themselves of Decisions previously given by Canadian Committees upon questions argued before them; in addition to authorities obtained from the practice of the British Parliament; and a wish on my part, to aid in complying with this desire, is the object sought by me to be accomplished.

The almost total loss of the Minutes, or even *memoranda*, of the proceedings of Election Committees in the Parliaments of Upper Canada, since the passing of the Grenville Act in 1824, is the cause of my inability to give more than abstracts of the Cases, prior to the Union of the Provinces; as, throughout, I have carefully avoided noting any decision, without a record of the same appearing on the original Minutes of the Committee trying the Case.

ALFRED PATRICK.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, }  
20th April, 1849.