

35. Are you aware of any money having been distributed among voters during or immediately after the Election?—I am not.

36. Are you of opinion that the Electors disposed to vote in favor of the several Candidates had perfect and equal freedom of attending the Poll and giving their votes, without imminent danger of personal injury?—I think there was danger of personal injury; in the early part of the Election, Mr. De Witt had the greater number of supporters, and towards the close, Mr. Dunscomb. I think that had the Election continued another day, the danger would have been very great.

37. You have stated that there was great strife and violence at the Poll, and that you declared you would adjourn the Poll if order was not restored; will you say that you did not, about eleven o'clock on the second day of the Election, proclaim the Poll to be adjourned for an hour, and, after a few moments delay, at the request of Mr. Dunscomb, and contrary to the remonstrance of Mr. De Witt, immediately go on polling or receiving the votes for Mr. Dunscomb; and after that time, is it not true that no more votes were given for Mr. De Witt?—I have stated already that I did not adjourn the Poll. After eleven, a number of votes were given to Mr. De Witt.

38. Did you not see persons coming to the Poll with clubs, striking and beating people on the first as well as on the second day of the Election?—I saw but one person with a club, whether on the first or second day I do not recollect; I called out immediately, and the club disappeared. I could not learn who it was that had the club.

39. Can you say that there were no other acts of violence committed than what you have stated?—I do not know that there was anything but pushing and shoving; I heard no threats, nor did I see a blow struck.

40. Were there any Magistrates in the Polling House on either of those two days, and who were they?—I saw James Reid there, and James Davidson, John McDonell and Thomas Gairdner. I do not know if Mr. Gairdner was acting as a Magistrate at the time; the others were acting as Magistrates.

41. Were there not any other Magistrates, Mr. Brown and Mr. Norval for instance?—They were both there; they were Magistrates.

42. Is it not to your knowledge that all these Magistrates were partizans and supporters of Mr. Dunscomb against Mr. De Witt?—I believe they were.

43. Did you not, several times previous to the late general Election for United Canada, call at your house, and elsewhere attend, meetings of persons who were opposed to Mr. De Witt, for the purpose of conferring with them on the best mode of opposing Mr. De Witt at the then ensuing election?—I do not know that I ever had any persons coming to my house for that purpose. I only attended one meeting, and that was to confer upon who should be invited to come forward, as already mentioned.

44. Did you not write letters to gentlemen in the different Townships and Parishes in the County of Beauharnois, previous to the Election for a member to represent that County in the United Parliament of Canada, requesting them to assemble together for the purpose of inducing some person to become

a Candidate to oppose Mr. De Witt at the approaching Election?—I did.

45. Did you attend a meeting, called by your circular letters, at Durham, about fifteen days before the Election, when John Davidson, Esquire, then of Quebec, and J. W. Dunscomb of Montreal, were proposed as Candidates, and that the majority were in favor of inviting Mr. Dunscomb to become a Candidate; and were you, at the said meeting, appointed a delegate to go to Montreal, with authority to invite Mr. Dunscomb to come forward as a Candidate to oppose Mr. De Witt?—Yes; I wrote some circulars at the request of the Electors, to convene a meeting. I was desired by the meeting to go to Montreal, to invite Mr. Dunscomb to come forward.

46. Is it not true that the Volunteer Cavalry were employed to carry messages, to call meetings, and other services to favor the election of Mr. Dunscomb?—I believe that it was the case, from what I heard.

47. Has it come to your knowledge that Volunteers, both Cavalry and Infantry, were to be employed in different parts of the County, and at the Poll, to prevent the Electors favorable to Mr. De Witt from voting, or that they were employed for that purpose?—I have no knowledge that they were employed for that purpose. I heard that some of the Officers of Infantry were employed in taking an active part in the Election in different parts of the County.

48. Is it not true that at a meeting of the supporters of Mr. Dunscomb, in your village of Huntingdon, or elsewhere, it was agreed or admitted that if the Canadian Electors were permitted to vote at the Election, Mr. Dunscomb had no chance of being elected by the Electors?—I do not recollect hearing anything of the kind.

49. Did you make an application to the Governor to be appointed Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois?—There was an application written. I think, by Mr. Lighthall, the Registrar of the County; whether I signed it or not, I do not recollect. The application was in my favour. I cannot positively say who presented it; but I think Mr. Lighthall forwarded it.

50. Was there not some understanding between you and some agent on the part of the Executive Government, with reference to your appointment as Returning Officer; was not your appointment contingent upon the fact of standing yourself as a Candidate, or some other fact, and state what?—There was, to my recollection, no understanding on the subject between myself and any person whatever.

51. Was there no understanding of a similar description between you and some person or persons, whether avowedly an agent or not?—I have stated in my preceding answer that there was not.

52. When were you first made aware of the intention of the Government to appoint you Returning Officer; from what person, and in what manner did you obtain the information?—I was in Montreal, and I made inquiry at the Government Offices. This was the day before I received the Commission. It was, I believe, Mr. Daly, or some Clerk in his office, who informed me, upon my going into the office, that I had been appointed.

53. Previously to this, had not the appointment