

reside either in St. John or Fredericton; and as he was not present in the room to give information upon this subject, I immediately concurred with the nomination, and the Rev. Mr. Ketchum was unanimously elected. The motion for the two Secretaries was previously withdrawn, in compliance with the wish of *all parties*, and in order that the Meeting might proceed with the election of the Executive Committee, which was accordingly done.

After several gentlemen had been proposed as members of the Executive Committee, I nominated Doctor Botsford. Mr. Daniel Scovil, and the Rev. Mr. Coster, from Gagetown, opposed the nomination, giving, as their reason, that Dr. Botsford was not eligible, in consequence of the smallness of his subscription to the funds of the Society, which requires a subscription of one pound, to qualify the member for a seat in the Executive Committee. Dr. Botsford was dissatisfied with the proceedings of the Society, and, in common with many other gentlemen, confined his subscription to a very small amount, sufficient to give him membership, and entitle him to vote at the Anniversary Meeting. But, early in the evening, and before the commencement of business, he gave the Rector of the Parish one pound increased subscription, as there was no other person to whom he could give it; the gentlemen who had the subscription papers having given them to the Secretary. This rendered him perfectly eligible as a member of the Committee. I may here observe, that the laws of the Society are such, that the moment a gentleman subscribes, that moment he becomes a member, and entitled to all the privileges of the Society, in proportion to the amount paid. It soon became apparent that the opposition arose from personal feelings with some, and from a misconception of the subject with others; and although Dr. Botsford, when the objections were first made, expressed his readiness to decline, I still maintained my nomination, as it now became a question of right *versus* party feeling, influencing many of the oppositionists. The question excited much warmth of discussion; the oppositionists denying the eligibility of Dr. Botsford. I submitted the question to the Chairman, requesting him to decide, whether Dr. Botsford was, or was not, a subscriber, under existing circumstances, and to inform the meeting how long a time must elapse between the payment of the subscription, and the eligibility of the subscriber, as the laws had not defined it. The Lord Bishop replied that such subscriptions were frequently made, and that he considered Dr. Botsford eligible. The money was then paid by the Rev. Dr. W. Gray to the Secretary of the Society; and after some further discussion, the question was taken, and the respective parties took opposite sides of the room. His Lord-