

Nor has the usage here varied in any one respect from the Law and practice prevailing in the Mother Country.

The Sheriff selects twenty-four from among the persons of the greatest intelligence, most considerable property and established character in his District. The greater number usually, (perhaps always,) are Justices of the Peace ; Merchants and respectable Farmers are also returned, though not in the Commission of the Peace, when their estimation in society makes them eligible for the duty.

The selection ought to be made, and we believe it to be made, in fact, with a regard not to any single qualification, so much as to the general standing and repute of the several gentlemen in the community, which depends upon a combined consideration of their property, character, intelligence and occupation in life. Of course, no person to whom a selection upon such principles might be committed, could hope to exercise the power in such a manner as to convince all men that he has made the best possible choice ; but we believe the Grand Juries in this country to be in general highly respectable, and as well selected as circumstances will admit ; and we have never perceived that the Law and usage in that respect have failed to give general satisfaction.

2ndly—Petit Jurors, or Jurors returned for the trial of civil and criminal cases are selected and impannelled according to the provisions of an early Statute of this Province.