

Resolved, That no larger quantity than three hundred and fifty copies of the Journals of this House be hereafter printed and distributed for the use of the Legislature at the expense of the Province.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee to try the matters of the Petition of Robert K. Gilbert, Esquire, complaining of the undue election and return of Robert B. Chapman, Esquire, as a Member for the County of Westmorland, reported,—That the Committee had met this morning pursuant to adjournment; that Mr. Gray, Nominee for the Petitioner, and Mr. Scoullar, Nominee for the sitting Member, will be unable to attend the Committee during the ensuing week, Mr. Gray requiring to be absent during that period; and that he was desired to ask permission for the Committee to adjourn until Tuesday week, being the 20th day of January instant.

Ordered, thereupon, That permission be given to the Committee to adjourn over until that day, then to meet and proceed in the investigation of the matters set forth in the said Petition.

Mr. Hanington, from the Committee of Privileges, submits their Report upon the subject referred to them, by Order of the House of yesterday, as regards the controverted Election for the County of Charlotte; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, when it was again read, and is as follows:—

"The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee appointed to try the Petition of James Boyd, Esquire, complaining of the undue election and return of Bartholomew R. Fitzgerald, Esquire, as a Member for the County of Charlotte, having had the matter under their consideration, Report—

"That although according to the letter of the Act 9 Geo. 4, cap. 37, six sitting days should expire before the Committee is *ipso facto* dissolved in consequence of being reduced to less than five, by death or otherwise; at the same time, as it is obvious from the Journals of the House, that the said Committee is absolutely reduced below the required number by the resignation of some of its members, and cannot therefore sit, your Committee conceive the construction of the Act to be altogether in the discretion of the House, and not in any way affecting its privileges.

"Respectfully submitted.

"D. HANINGTON,
B. BOTSFORD,
A. BARBERIE,
R. GORDON,
R. THOMSON,
J. A. STREET,
MATTHEW M'LEOD.

"Committee Room, 10th January, 1852."

Ordered, That the Report be accepted.

Mr. Gray, a Member for the County of Saint John, applies for leave of absence, he having to attend the Circuit Court to be holden at Saint John the ensuing week; which was granted.

Mr. Scoullar, a Member for the County of Sunbury, likewise applies for leave of absence, he having to attend the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden at Sunbury the ensuing week; which was also granted.

The House adjourned until Monday morning next at 10 o'clock.

Monday, 12th January, 1852.

Prayers.

Read a second time the following Bills, viz:—

A Bill to continue an Act for the better prevention of Trespasses on Crown Land and Private Property:

A Bill for regulating the election of Representatives to serve in General Assembly:

A Bill to establish additional Circuit Courts in certain Counties of this Province, and to restrain the jurisdiction of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in certain cases: and

A Bill to legalize the Lock-up House at the Creek Village, in the Parish of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton.

Mr.