

prevailed than what appeared at the examination of witnesses, was not desirable nor necessary.

J. W. WELDON,
J.S.C.

Dated this fifth day of October, 1832.

To JOHN GEORGE BOURINOT, Esquire,
Clerk of the House of Commons.

JOLIETTE CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

JOLIETTE, 15th November, 1832.

To JOHN GEORGE BOURINOT, Esquire,
Clerk of the House of Commons.

In view of the vacancy in the office of Speaker of the House of Commons, I conceive it my duty, under the Law, to make to you this my report as follows: That on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th days of November instant, I presided as a Judge of the Superior Court for the Province of *Quebec*, at the trial of the Election Petition, complaining of the Election and Return of *Edouard Guilbault*, Esquire, Member elected to represent the Electoral District of *Joliette* in the House of Commons of *Canada*, at the last General Election, and that on the 4th day of November instant, I rendered the judgment, a copy of which is hereunto annexed, maintaining the said Election Petition and declaring the said election of the said *Edouard Guilbault* null and void, and rejecting the other conclusions of the said Election Petition.

I have further to report in conformity with the Dominion Controverted Election Act, 1874, that the said election was annulled on a declaration of the Respondent, *Edouard Guilbault*, that he consented that by reason of corrupt practices committed at the said election by certain Agents of the Respondent, but without his knowledge, without his participation, and contrary to his express prohibition, the said election should be annulled for all purposes whatsoever.

I further report that the Petitioners, after having caused several witnesses to be examined, and having begun to prove certain acts of corruption, declared that they withdrew the personal charges made against the Respondent, *Edouard Guilbault*, and that the Respondent, by reason of the consent he had given and of the withdrawal of the personal charges by the Petitioners, declared that he had no witness to produce; and that the evidence was not completed.

I consider that it is not my duty to make a special report mentioning the persons who may have been proved to have committed corrupt practices during the said election.

The shorthand writer appointed by me to record the *enquête*, by means of stenographic notes, not having as yet handed in copies of his notes, I shall produce them so soon as they are furnished to me.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. MATHIEU,
J.S.C.
