

Objection against
Niagara Election.

the advice of the friends of the said *Edward Clarke Campbell*, illegally and improperly re-open the Poll without the knowledge or consent, and in the absence of the said *Henry John Boulton*, and did shortly afterwards admit, in favour of the said *Edward Clarke Campbell*, the votes of *Robert Reid* and *Thomas Buggans*, who notoriously had no right to vote, thereby giving a colourable majority to the said *Edward Clarke Campbell*, in violation of his duty as such Returning Officer, and to the manifest destruction of the purity of Electors.

That the said *Edward Clarke Campbell*, by himself, his agents, or managers, and by persons employed in his behalf, before, and at, and during the time of such election, was guilty of bribery and other corrupt practices, in order to procure some persons having no right to vote, and others having or claiming to have a right to vote at the said election to vote for him the said *Edward Clarke Campbell*, and to forbear to vote for the said *Henry John Boulton*, and in order to procure the said *Edward Clarke Campbell* to be returned to serve in this present Parliament.

That the said *Edward Clarke Campbell*, by himself, his agents, or workmen, erected and caused to be erected at his own expense, costs and charges, and after the teste of the said writ of election for this Town in and upon divers vacant plots of ground, in the said Town of *Niagara*, held, or pretended to be held by certain conveyances, divers small moveable buildings, intended to be represented as dwellinghouses, in order that the persons holding or pretending to hold, by virtue of such conveyances, the said plots of ground, wherever the same were placed, might vote at the Election, for the said *Edward Clarke Campbell*, under colour of such buildings being their dwelling houses, although in truth, and in fact such buildings were not dwelling houses, within the meaning of the several Acts of Parliament, in that behalf, in fraud of the elective franchise, and in violation of the purity of Election; that the foregoing, and many other circumstances, shewing the right to vote on such newly erected buildings, to have been merely colourable, were admitted before the Returning Officer, at the Poll, by the persons so voting previous to such illegal votes being received; nevertheless, with a full knowledge of the facts, and circumstances rendering such votes colourable, the said Returning Officer admitted them to vote for the said *Edward Clarke Campbell*, contrary to his duty in that behalf. That by the foregoing, and divers other illegal, and undue means, a colourable majority of electors appears on the Poll, to have voted for the said *Edward Clarke Campbell*, whereas in truth, and in fact a majority of the *bona fide* Electors of the said Town, voted and tendered to vote in favor of the said *Henry John Boulton*.

Petitioners therefore humbly pray this Honorable House to take the premises into its consideration, and that the House will declare the return of the said *Edward Clarke Campbell*, to be illegal and void, and that the said *Henry John Boulton*, ought to have been returned, and that the return to the said writ of Election for said Town may be amended, and the said *Henry John Boulton*, declared to have been duly elected; and to be sitting member, for the said Town of *Niagara*, or that this Honorable House will grant such further relief, in the premises as to its wisdom may seem meet.

Ordered—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

On Motion of Mr. *Hale*, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,

Resolved—That, pending the Report of the Special Committee appointed to frame Rules and Regulations for the Government of this House, the Rules and Regulations of that part of this Province, late the Province of *Lower Canada*, be adopted and acted upon.

On motion of Sir *Allan MacNab*,—seconded by Mr. *Strachan*,

Lower Canada Rules
acted upon, pending
Report of Committee