by him and by divers of the Electors to the admission of them: That in divers instances several persons were admitted to vote for the said Wolfred Nelson on one and the same alleged qualification; in others, persons under oath declared themselves proprietors of houses to which they had no right or title; in others, an arbitrary and untrue value, exceeding the real value, was Henry, 4th assigned, even on oath, to property of which the value was not sufficient to confer a right of voting; and in almost all these cases an undue and improper influence by promises, by violence, and otherwise, was exercised over such persons even at the Poll, and in the presence and hearing of the Returning Officer, to stifle their scruples, and prevail on them to give their votes for the said Wolfred Nelson; nay, even to induce them to commit perjury by taking the Oath of qualification: That during the whole course of the Election, a number of persons, not resident within the Borough, and having no right to vote at the said Election, were collected and kept together for the purpose of overawing and intimidating Electors desirous of voting for the said James Stuart, from following their inclination, and these persons, by surrounding the Hustings, and by clamour and violence, obstructed and prevented Electors from voting for the said James Stuart, and most effectually violated and destroyed all freedom of Election: That after the said Election, to wit, in a Session of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol delivery, held at Montreal, in November One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, Indictments were found against seven persons; viz. Antoine Aussaut, Nicholas Buckner, Joseph Claprood, Antoine Paul Hus alias Cournoyer, Louis Allard, Rosalie St. Michel, and Jean Baptiste Cantara, for wilful and corrupt perjury, in having sworn falsely at the said Election to entitle themselves to vote for the said Wolfred Nelson; and an Indictment was also found at the said Court against Louis Marcoux, one of the most active partisans of the said Wolfred Nelson at the said Election, for subordination of perjury: That in the last Term of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the District of Montreal, one of the said Indictments which had been removed by Certiorari into that Court, namely, the Indictment found against the said Joseph Claprood was tried by a Common Jury, and the said Joseph Claprood, upon the clearest evidence, was found guilty of the offence therein charged against him; the rest of the said Indictments still continue pending and undetermined. such circumstances, evincing that the Return of the said Wolfred Nelson has been obtained by the most illegal and criminal means, the Petitioners cannot doubt that the House will feel an anxious desire to do justice upon this representation; and they therefore humbly pray the House to take the premises into its serious consideration; and in granting relief to the Petitioners, that the House will be pleased to order the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to attend the Bar of the House to amend the Return

JOINT APPENDIX.

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