

Charlottetown, Monday, March 6, 1871.

to Examiner]

DEBATES OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

(Continued.)

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL considered it his duty to make a few remarks upon the matter...

not allow the Sheriff to strike off from the Poll Books any votes save those mentioned by the Hon. Attorney General. He (Mr. D.) was surprised on Declaration Day when he heard the Sheriff state that he had struck off votes which had been polled in divisions of the District where the Returning Officers had not been sworn, and was equally astonished that the Hon. Atty. General should then have given an opinion favorable to such a procedure.

as only in accordance with common sense that the parties having a majority of votes should take their seats and record their votes in this House. No precedent to the contrary can be found. As to the opinion attributed to the Lieutenant Governor, I do not believe that it is his, and I consider it unfair on the part of his advisers to put words into his mouth, conveying opinions of which his advisers are not aware.

that purpose. It appears that the Law requires that the necessary oath shall be taken and subscribed by the Returning Officer; but in this case, the oath was taken only, and not subscribed. It is not necessary to refer to the Returning Officers to testify in substance to those Returns, for those books and documents show clearly how the matter determined whether they would send for witnesses or not.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Pope the Committee on Privileges and Elections to consider the Return of the Writ of Election for the First Electoral District of Queen's County was resumed.

member of the House of Commons, the question has been decided according to the construction of the Statute as ascertained and determined by the House of Commons; and so exclusive is their jurisdiction or authority on this point, that its decision is allowed to prevail in opposition to the declared opinions of the highest Law officers in the Kingdom. In confirmation of which, your Committee would refer to the following cases:

P. R. BOWERS.