

hinted has actually happened & M^r Street²⁸ though every Exertion was made by his friends was at the Closing of the poll on Monday Evening the 4th ins^t *Minus* 22. this is the more to be regretted as M^r Streets long acquaintance with publick business, & active talents would have been of great Service to the Country & added respectability to the Legislature. M^r Dickson²⁹ on the 28th Ult^o came forward on the Hustings & in one of the best Speeches (perhaps) ever delivered in Upper Canada avowed himself a candidate for the Suffrages of his fellow Subjects, he had the Support of all the discerning & respectable part of the Freeholders, which however was of little avail as the other party had a decided Superiority in point of numbers. In consequence of which he on the 3^d day of the Poll came forward & declined being any longer Considered a Candidate M^r Clench & M^r Swayze³⁰ have therefor been returned duly Elected, You know the first the other you must have heard is accused of Stealing Horses &^o in the United States. The people of York & the District of London have made rather better choices than us. Judge Allcock & David Smith being chosen for those places.

My troubles are now just beginning, the English Goods Continue to arrive & what with them & the vast quantity of Packs now upon the Communication I have Scarcely a Moment to Myself

Our large Boat on its way to Chippawa with 19 Souls on board & 200 packs was in a most violent Hurricane Swamp'd yesterday forenoon M^r Clark³¹ happened to be on the way

28 There were many Streets in the Niagara region in the period under review; a brief account of the family relationships and history is given in *Niagara Hist. Soc. pubs.*, No. 22, pp. 57-61. There were two Samuel Streets (uncle and nephew), the former of whom served in the second parliament of Upper Canada (1797-1800), and may have been the person here alluded to; the nephew, Samuel Street of Bridgewater, was also nephew and for some years partner, of Thomas Clark of Queenston. Whether he, rather than his uncle, was the unsuccessful candidate in the election of 1800, we have been unable to determine.

29 Apparently William Dickson, for sketch of whose career, see *B. H. R.*, I, 461.

30 Isaac Swayzie was a New Jersey loyalist who took up his residence in the Niagara district, where he died in 1828, aged seventy-seven years. He was a member of the first assembly of Upper Canada in 1792, and of several subsequent assemblies. See Janet Carnochan, *History of Niagara* (Toronto, 1914), 247 *et passim*; Irving, *op. cit.*, 40.

31 Thomas Clark of Queenston. The sketch of his career given in *B. H. R.*, I, 585, incorrectly identifies him with Thomas Alexander Clarke of the British Indian Department. Thomas Clark was born in Dumfries, Scotland, about the year 1770. He came to the Niagara region prior to 1790 and was for many years a merchant of Queenston. Numerous