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a contested election for the County of York
(after a whole weeks ^{uninterrupted} investigation) ^{in decision} in favor
of the sitting member Agnew McLean Davidson
& Price, ~~and upon this decision~~ ^{and upon this decision} ~~the subsequent~~ ^{the subsequent} ~~operation~~ ^{operation}. The consequences of this
determination are ~~very~~ ^{in that House} important indeed
because it secures a majority of men
who are zealous supporters of what is here
called the cause of the King & his Government.
In the present bustle of business I cannot
enter into a detail - nor is it necessary
because ^{as} Mr. Fraser will be soon with you
& is thoroughly master of the subject. I
have only to say ~~to you~~ that to this gentleman
we are greatly indebted for the ~~present~~ ^{present} very
happy change in our affairs. In a letter
soon after I return from Halifax I hinted
to you my fear - that a spirit of party was
pervading all orders of men here but I
did

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~~did not then think it had become either~~
~~so violent or extensive. As soon as I~~
~~had recovered health enough to enter into~~
~~society - I found nothing but a prisonery bit-~~
~~ness & recrimination -~~ ~~but~~ ^{but} I was almost
rejoiced when the bout compelled me to retreat.
Perhaps in a pilgrimage thro' this shabby
world few men have been placed in a ^{your}
situation more delicate & trying than Mr.
Fraser has been on this occasion. ^{petitioners}
party were his countrymen, - one of them his
namesake. with whom he had been
connected in business & from whom he
had received some favours & marks of at-
tention, - besides this - he is a partner in
one of the first mercantile houses here.
and he is also connected with some of the
most respectable characters in our com-
munity. Both the petitioners (Fraser & McLean)
are men of fair & unexceptionable character
their