

Lune, 7^o Die Martii, 1791.

WHEREAS the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the Merits of the Petition of Sir John Honeywood Baronet, and John Curtis, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of Steyning in the County of Sussex, have this Day reported to the House of Commons, That it appeared to the said Select Committee, that the Merits of the Petition did in Part depend upon the Right of Election; and that thereupon the said Committee required the Counsel for the several Parties to deliver to the Clerk of the said Committee Statements in Writing of the Right of Election for which they respectively contended. That in consequence thereof the Counsel for the Petitioners Sir John Honeywood and John Curtis, Esqrs, delivered in a Statement as follows: "The Counsel for the Petitioners state the Right of Election to be in the Inhabitants of ancient Houses and Houses built on the Sites of ancient Houses within the Borough of Steyning, being Householders paying Scot and Lot, and not receiving Alms."—That the Counsel for the Sitting Members James Martin Lloyd and Henry Howard, Esquires, delivered in a Statement as follows: "The Counsel for the Sitting Members state the Right of Election to be in the Constable and Householders, Inhabitants within the Borough of Steyning, paying Scot and Lot, and not receiving Alms."—That upon the Statement delivered in by the Counsel for the said Sitting Members, the said Select Committee have determined, "That the Right of Election, as set forth in the said Statement, is not the Right of Election for the Borough of Steyning in the County of Sussex." That upon the Statement delivered in by the Counsel for the Petitioners the said Committee have determined, "That the Right of Election, as set forth in the said Statement, is the Right of Election for the Borough of Steyning." I do hereby give this Notice, in pursuance of the Directions of the Act made in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intitled, "An Act for the further Regulation of the Trials of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in Parliament." Given under my Hand the Seventh Day of March, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-one.

HENRY ADDINGTON, Speaker.

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WHEREAS the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the Merits of the Petition of the Honourable Richard Edgcumbe, commonly called Lord Valletort, and Philip Rashleigh, and also of the Petition of the Right Honourable Molyneux Lord Shuldarn and Sir Ralph Payne, Knight of the Bath, and also of the Petition of John Rashleigh Richard Esqrs, Samuel Nicolls, Nevel Norway, and Benjamin Bloomfield, of the Borough of Povey in the County of Cornwall, being Persons who had a Right to vote at the last Election of Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the said Borough, on Behalf of themselves and others who were at the said Election, lawful Electors for the said Borough, have ally complained of an undue Election and an undue Return for the said Borough of Povey, have this Day reported to the House of Commons,

that it appeared to the said Select Committee, that the Merits of the Petitions did in Part depend upon the Right of choosing, nominating or appointing the Returning Officer, who was to make Return of such Election; and that thereupon the said Select Committee required the Counsel for the several Parties to deliver to the Clerk of the said Committee Statements in Writing of the Right of choosing, nominating or appointing the Returning Officer for the said Borough, for which they respectively contended. That in consequence thereof the Counsel for the Petitioners, Lord Shuldarn and Sir Ralph Payne, delivered in a Statement as follows: "The Portreeve is the Returning Officer at Elections to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Povey. The Portreeve for the said Borough is chosen or presented by the Highmage at the Court holden for the said Manor of Povey, usually soon after Michaelmas, by the Steward or the Deputy of the Prince of Wales, Lord of the said Borough and Manor, in Right of His Duchy of Cornwall." That the Counsel for the Petitioners Lord Valletort and Philip Rashleigh, Esqrs, and also for the Petitioners John Rashleigh, Richard Hennah, Samuel Nicolls, Nevel Norway and Benjamin Bloomfield, of the Borough of Povey in the County of Cornwall, on Behalf of themselves and others who were at the last Election, lawful Electors for the said Borough, delivered in a Statement as follows: "The Persons entitled to elect the Portreeve of the Borough of Povey are those who are capable of Holding that Office; that is, such Prince's Tenants only as have been duly admitted on the Court Rolls of the Manor of the said Borough, and have done their Fealty, and such Persons only are duly admitted whose Lands were anciently and continue to be held immediately of the Duke of Cornwall, as Parcel of his said Manor of the said Borough, and whose Titles to those Lands have been presented at a Court Baron, by a Sworn Homage or Jury of the Freeholders of the said Borough." That the said Select Committee, having duly considered the said Statements, and the Evidence adduced before them touching the Right of choosing, nominating or appointing the Returning Officer for the said Borough, have determined, "That the Portreeve of the Borough of Povey is the Returning Officer for the said Borough, and that it is necessary that such Returning Officer should be chosen or presented by a Homage or Jury of Prince's Tenants, duly admitted on the Court Rolls of the Manor of the said Borough, and that Prince's Tenants admitted by the Steward or Deputy Steward, at a Court holden in the said Manors, are duly admitted, and that the Presentation of the Highmage is not necessary to such Admission." That the said Select Committee had also determined, "That Thomas Min was the proper Returning Officer at the late Election for Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Povey." I do hereby give this Notice, in pursuance of the Directions of the Act made in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intitled, "An Act for the further Regulation of the Trials of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in Parliament." Given under my Hand the Seventh Day of March, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-one.

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