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AT the Court at St. James's, the 15th of February, 1792,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Names of many of the Officers serving in the respective Regiments and Battalions of Militia within the several Counties in England and Wales have been frequently returned by the Judges in the List of Persons proper to be appointed Sheriffs, notwithstanding such Officers are by Law exempted from serving the Office of Sheriff during the Time of their Service in the Militia: And whereas the Impropriety of such Returns may have proceeded from the Want of Information being given to the Judges of the Names of the several Officers so serving in the Militia, from whence many Inconveniencies have arisen; His Majesty, in order to prevent the like happening for the future, is pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby to require and command that the respective Lieutenants of the several Counties in England and Wales, where the Militia has been raised and embodied, do cause Lists to be made every Year of the Names and Places of Residence of the Officers serving in the Militia within their respective Counties, and cause the said Lists to be delivered into the

Hands of the Clerk of the Assize, in order to be laid before the Judges at the Time of holding the Summer Assize; that Care may be taken, for the Time to come, that the Names of any such Officers be not inserted on the Roll of Persons to be proposed to His Majesty as proper to serve the Office of Sheriff:

W. Fawcener.

JOHN Smyth and William Sotheron, Esquires, having this Day presented their Petition to the House of Commons, setting forth, That upon the Ninth Day of March, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, the Select Committee, who were appointed to try and determine the Merits of a Petition of Charles Mellish and John Anstruther, Esquires, and also the Petition of several other Persons; Freeholders of Burgage Tenure within the Borough of Pontefract, and, as such, claiming to be Electors of Members to serve in Parliament for the said Borough, severally complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough, reported to this House, that it appeared to the said Select Committee, that the Merits of the Petitions did wholly depend upon the Right of Election, and that therefore the said Committee had 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 said Charles Mellish and John Anstruther, and the said other Persons, delivered in a Statement respecting the Right of Election for the said Borough: as follows:

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