

SIR Ralph Payne, Knight of the Bath, and William Morshead, Esquire, having this Day presented their Petition to the House of Commons, setting forth, That, upon the Eleventh Day of March last, the Select Committee, who were appointed to try and determine the Merits of a Petition of the Hon. Richard Edgcumbe, commonly called Lord Viscount Valletort, and Philip Raffleigh, Esquire, and also another Petition of the Right Honourable Molineux Lord Shuldham and the Petitioner Sir Ralph Payne; and also another Petition of John Raffleigh, Richard Hennah, Jamuel Nicolls, Nevil Norway and Benjamin Bloomfield, who claimed 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, severally complaining of an undue Election and Double Return for the said Borough, did report to the House, That the Merits of the Petitions did in Part depend upon the Right of chusing, 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 chusing, nominating or appointing the Returning Officer for the said Borough, which they respectively contended: That in consequence thereof the Counsel for the Petitioners, Lord Shuldham and Sir Ralph Payne, delivered in a Statement as follows: "The Portreeve is the Returning Officer at Elections to serve in Parliament for the said Borough of Fowey; the Portreeve for the said Borough is chosen or presented by the Homage, at a Court holden for the said Manor of Fowey, usually soon after Michaelmas, by the Steward or Deputy Steward of the Prince of Wales, Lord of the said Borough and Manor in Right of his Duchy of Cornwall." That the Counsel for the said Petitioners, Lord Valletort and Philip Raffleigh, and also for the said Petitioners John Raffleigh, Richard Hennah, Samuel Nicolls, Nevil Norway, and Benjamin Bloomfield, on Behalf of themselves and others, delivered in a Statement as follows: "The Persons intitled to elect the Portreeve of the Borough of Fowey 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 a Jury of the said Freeholders of the said Brough." That the said Select Committee had duly considered of the said Statements, and the Evidence adduced before them touching the Right of chusing, nominating or appointing the Returning Officer for the said Borough of Fowey, and had determined "That the Portreeve of the Borough of Fowey 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 De-

puty Steward at a Court holden in the said Manor, are duly admitted, and that the Presentation of Homage is not necessary to such Admission." That John Coryton, of the said Borough of Fowey, Esquire, Thomas Graham, of the same Place, Esquire, Henry Hawkins Tremayne, of Heligan in the County of Cornwall, Clerk, and John Raffleigh, of Penquite in the same County, Esquire, claiming to have a Right to chuse, nominate or appoint the Returning Officer of the said Borough, on the First Day of February last presented a Petition to this House, and therein stated that they conceived themselves to be greatly aggrieved by such Determination of the said Select Committee, and prayed that they might be admitted as Parties to oppose that Right of chusing, nominating or appointing the Returning Officer of the said Borough, who is to make Returns of Members elected for the said Borough, which has been deemed valid in the Judgment of the said Select Committee, and so reported by them to this House. That the Petitioners humbly insist, that the Right of chusing, nominating or appointing the Returning Officer, which hath been deemed valid in the Judgment of the said Select Committee, is the ancient and true Right of chusing, nominating or appointing the Returning Officer for the said Borough of Fowey: The Petitioners therefore pray, that they may be admitted as Parties to defend the Right of chusing, nominating or appointing the Returning Officer of the said Borough so reported to this House as aforesaid, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided, and that they may have such further Relief as to this House shall seem meet, and as the Nature of the Case may require. I do hereby give Notice, that the House has appointed Thursday the Fifteenth Day of this instant March to take the said Petition into Consideration at the same Time that the Petition of John Coryton, of the Borough of Fowey in the County of Cornwall, Esquire, and others, is ordered to be taken into Consideration. Given under my Hand the Twelfth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

HENRY ADDINGTON, Speaker.

*Madrid; March 1.*

On the 28th past Count Floridablanca was removed from all his Employments, which are now held, ad interim, by Count d'Aranda. The same Day an Edict was published, by which the Superintendancy over all the Departments of this Government is vested in the Council of State, of which His Catholic Majesty has declared himself President, and Count d'Aranda Senior Member.

*Vienna; March 1.*

His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor Leopold, died this Afternoon, about Four o'Clock, of an Inflammatory Fever, which, falling on his Bowels, resisted all the Power of Medicine, and proved fatal on the third Day of his Illness.

Navy-Office, March 12, 1792.

THE Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury having appointed Money for the Payment of Half-Pay to Sea-Officers from the 1st of July to the