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LISKEARD RIGHT OF ELECTION PETITION.

WILLIAM ELIOT, John Carthew, John Eliot, Richard Taunton, M. D. James Carthew, Robert Moon, William Pedler, John Jope, William Eales, John Penwarne, William Knight, Joseph Fitze, John Wetlake, William Webb, Joseph Eade, John Borrow, James Rogers, Thomas Penwarne, and Francis Glenville, Burgesses of the Borough of Liskeard, in the County of Cornwall, having this Day presented their Petition to the House of Commons, setting forth,

That at the last Election of Burgesses to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough, held on the Sixth of July One thousand eight hundred and two, the Honorable John Eliot and the Petitioner William Eliot, and Thomas Sheridan and William Ogilvie, Esquires, were Candidates; and that the late Mayor of the said Borough, who acted as Returning Officer, returned the said John Eliot and William Eliot duly elected to serve in Parliament as Burgesses of the said Borough; against which Return Two Petitions were presented to the House, one on Behalf of the said Thomas Sheridan and William Ogilvie, Esquires, and one on Behalf of Samuel Mitchell and others, representing themselves to be Inhabitants, Householders, of the said Borough, paying, or liable to pay, Scot and Lot; stating (amongst other Things) that the said Thomas Sheridan and William Ogilvie ought to have been duly elected to serve as Burgesses in Parliament for the said Borough, they having a Majority of legal Votes; and that, on Friday the Twentieth Day of February last, a Select Committee of the House was appointed to try the Merits of the said Petitions; and that the Committee, on the Hearing of the said Petitions, required the Parties to deliver in separate Statements of the several Rights of Election in the said Borough for which they respectively contended; and that the Statement delivered in by the Petitioners before the said Committee stated the Right of Election in the said Borough to be in the Inhabitants paying, or liable to pay, Scot and Lot; and that the Statement delivered in by the said John Eliot and William Eliot stated the Right of Election to be in the Mayor and Burgesses of the said Borough; and that the

said Committee, after having heard the Evidence adduced by the said several Parties, in Proof of the Right of Election so stated to the said Committee as aforesaid, determined that the Right of Election of Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the said Borough was not in the Inhabitants paying, or liable to pay, Scot and Lot; and that the said Committee also determined, that the Right of Election for Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the said Borough was in the Mayor and Burgesses of the said Borough: and that the said Resolutions were accordingly reported by the said Select Committee to the House: and that, on the Twentieth Day of December last, a Petition was presented to the House by Samuel Mitchell, and the several other Persons whose Names are thereunto subscribed, stating the several Matters and Things hereinbefore stated; also that the Petitioners were advised that the said Resolutions and Determination of the said Select Committee on the said Right of Election was contrary to Law, and therefore praying that they might be admitted as Parties to oppose that Right of Election which had been deemed valid in the Judgment of the said Committee as aforesaid, and to support and establish the said Right of Election for which they contended before the said Select Committee, which was negatived by the said Select Committee, or such other Right as should be consistent with Law, and that such Relief might be granted to them as the Justice of the Case might require; and that Joseph Childs, of Liskeard aforesaid, Gentleman, on the said Twentieth Day of December, presented a Petition to the House, therein stating himself to be an Inhabitant of the said Borough of Liskeard, paying, or liable to pay, Scot and Lot there; also stating to the Effect of the several Matters and Things contained in the last-mentioned Petition, and therefore praying the House would admit him as a Party to oppose the Right of Election that had been deemed valid in the Judgment of the said Select Committee as aforesaid, and grant him such other Relief as to the House should seem meet; and that the Petitioners are advised, and humbly contend, that the Right of Election of Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the said Borough is in the Mayor and Burgesses of the same Borough, according to the Determination of the said Select Committee, and therefore praying the