

Whitehall, January 5.

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Baronet of the Kingdom of Great Britain to William Manners, of Hanby Hall in the County of Lincoln, Esq; and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten, with Remainder to his Brothers John and Charles Manners, Esquires, and the Heirs Male of their Bodies lawfully begotten.

THOMAS Everett, Esquire, and Thomas Batt, Gentleman, Electors of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Ludgershall, in the County of Wilts, having this Day presented their Petition to the House of Commons, setting forth, that on the 15th Day of April, 1791, a Select Committee of this House, appointed to try the Merits of the Petition of John Drummond and Robert Drummond, Esquires, and also the Petition of the several Persons whose Names are thereunto subscribed, being legal Electors of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Ludgershall, in the County of Wilts, severally complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said Borough of Ludgershall, reported to the House, the Right of voting for Members of Parliament for the Borough of Ludgershall to be "in such Persons who have any Estate of Inheritance, or Freehold or Leasehold, determinable upon Life or Lives, within the Borough, not confined to entire ancient Houses, or the entire Scites of ancient Houses, within the Borough:" That the Right Honourable Viscount Middleton, the Honourable William Brodrick, and Charles Townshend, Esquire, on the 17th Day of December last, presented their Petition to this House, stating the said Right of Election, as reported by the said Select Committee, and that the Petitioners were not satisfied with the said Resolution; and that they were desirous to be admitted Parties to oppose the said Right of Election, and to have the Benefit of the Statute in that Behalf made and provided; that the Petitioners humbly insist that the Right of Election, as declared by the said Select Committee, is the true and lawful Right of Election for the said Borough of Ludgershall; and therefore pray that they may be admitted as Parties to defend such Right of Election, so reported to the House as aforesaid, and that they may have such further and other Relief as to the Wisdom of the House shall seem meet. I do hereby give Notice, that the House has appointed Thursday the 7th Day of February next, at the same Time that the Petition of the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Middleton, the Honourable William Brodrick and Charles Townshend, Esquire, Electors of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Ludgershall in the County of Wilts is ordered to be considered, to take the said Petition into Consideration. Given under my Hand the Second Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

HENRY ADDINGTON, Speaker.

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: "That the Right of Election for Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Pontefract, in the County of York, is in Persons having, within the said Borough, a Freehold of Burgage Tenure, paying a Burgage Rent." That the Counsel for the Sitting Members, the said John Smith and William Sotheron, Esquires, delivered in a Statement as follows: "The Counsel for the Sitting Members state the Right of Election for the Borough of Pontefract to be in the Inhabitants Householders Resiants." That upon the Statement delivered in by the Counsel for the said several Petitioners, the said Select Committee reported, that they had determined, "That the Right of Election, as set forth in the said Statement, is not the Right of Election for the Borough of Pontefract, in the County of York." That upon the Statement delivered in by the Counsel for the Sitting Members, the said Select Committee reported, that they had determined, "That the Right of Election, as set forth in the said Statement, is the Right of Election for the said Borough of Pontefract." That John Walsh, Esquire, pretending to be an Elector of Representatives to serve in Parliament for the said Borough of Pontefract, having, on the 15th Day of December last, presented his Petition to the House, to prevent the said Judgment of the said Select Committee from becoming final and conclusive, praying, that he might be admitted as a Party, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided, to oppose that Right of Election in Favour of which the said Select Committee had reported, as above set forth; and that he might have such further and other Relief in the Premises as to this House shall seem meet, and the Nature of his Case might require; and the Petitioners humbly insisting, that the Right of Election, which hath been deemed valid in the Judgment of the said Select Committee, is the antient and true Right of Election for the said Borough of Pontefract, therefore pray, that they may be admitted as Parties to defend such Right of Election, so reported to the House as aforesaid, according to the Form of the said Statute, and that they may have such further and other Relief as the House shall seem meet, and as the Nature of their Case may require. I do hereby give Notice, that the House has appointed Thursday the Thirty-first Day of this instant January, at the same Time that the Petition of John Walsh, Esquire, who claims to be an Elector of Representatives to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Pontefract in the County of York, and of the Petition of the several Persons, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, who claim

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