

person who has for the same 10 A. cap. 23. 51. It is sufficient to cast any Knight of a shire Petitioner or burgess, that he after the date of the writ of summons to parliament, or after the place became vacant, did before the Elector directly or indirectly give present or allow or promise or engage to give present or allow Money meat or drink Entertainment or provision to any Voter in particular, or to the County in General, or for their behoof in order to be Elected 7 & 8 W. 3 cap. 4. Collectors Supervisors, Gaugers or other officers or persons concerned in the Charging Collecting Levying or Managing the Excise 5 & 6 W. 3 M. cap. 20 543 and Commissioners, collectors Comptroller Searchers or other officers or persons concerned or Employed about the Customs 12 & 13 W. 3 cap. 10 The post office 9 A. cap. 10 544 and other public officers 9 A. cap. 11. 54. Are discharged to tamper with the Electors, or Endeavour to influence them in their Voting by word, Message Writing or other ways under the pain of 100 pound sterling half to the Informer, and half to the poor of the parish where the offence is committed, and further to be incapable for ever of any office or place of trust under the Crown. The sheriffs Must Return the Lists and the Names of the Knights Petitioners and burgesses Elected to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery within fourteen days after the Election on pain of 300 pound sterling 10 & 11 W. 3 cap. 7. Sheriffs Making Untrue or false Returns, forfeit 100 pound sterling to the King and as much with costs to the persons Elected and not duly Returned, and are liable to a Year Imprisonment without bail 5 H. 6 cap. 7. 2. 3 H. 6 cap. 15. And the Chief Magistrate of any City or burrough returning others to the sheriff than such as are Elected, forfeits 40 pound sterling to the King, and the like sum with costs to the person chosen 23 H. 6 cap. 15. Contracts promises bonds or securities given to procure any Untrue Return

are not only void, but also the giver forfeits 300 pound sterling One third part thereof to the King, a third to the poor of the County city or place concerned, and a third to the Informer with his Costs 7 & 8 W. 3 cap. 7. 12 & 13 W. 3 cap. 3. If a Knight Petitioner or burgess Returned by the sheriff is put out by another coming and serving in his place, that other forfeits 100 pound sterling to the King and as much to the party grieved 26 H. 6 cap. 15. Which penal law must be paid within three Months after the parliament commenced by the parties, and in case of their Neglect by any other person thereafter. The Clerk of the Crown keeps a Record of all Returns and Amendments thereof patent to all persons. If he fail to enter any Return within six days, or if he alter it without order of the house of Commons, or give a Certificate of any person not Returned, he forfeits 500 pound sterling to the party grieved, and for ever coverably loses his office, if sued within 2 Years after Action was brought 7 & 8 W. 3 cap. 7. 12 & 13 W. 3 cap. 5. See also the Statute of the 23rd of Henry 6. in Bishop Burnes's Second part of his History of his own time 2d edit. pag. 366. 81. 82.

All the shires and shire wrights in Scotland are Represented in the house of Commons by 30 Members. Every shire and shire wright elects one, except the shires of burgh and burgh wright, which chuse a Commissioner only by turns; the shires of Naon & Broomary which chuse by turns; and the shires of Black mearns & Kinross which also chuse by turns Act 8 Jesh. 4 Par. 2. A. 1. 1700. of any shire or shire wright who are qualified to elect Commissioners to Represent the same, are enrolled in the sheriff or shire wright's books, and their particular Estates and Valuations are there in set down, that it may be known who have the privilege to Elect or to be Elected, and how the Kings supply and other public burdens should be levied. Because Alterations frequently happen by Alienation, death or other Accidents, they are bound to Meet and Convene in the head burgh of their respective Jurisdictions at the Michaelmas head court Yearly to Revise the Election Rolls, and Make such Alterations therein as have Occurred since their last Meeting. If objections be Made Against any person's name in the Roll, or Praying to be Inserted, when no parliament