

Election for the shire of Air Campbell of Shankston  
 contra Brisbane of Bishopston. Nor are they bound to  
 produce their Rights at every Election; but it sufficeth  
 that they once produce them, and stand enrolled in the  
 Books of the Jurisdiction ad Electors. who Voted before  
 2 January 1701 Jurisdiction. All Commissioners of Election  
 for representing a shire must be signed by six free  
 holders at least Act 113 Parl. 11 J. 6. But a Commission  
 subscribed by fewer ought to be Effectual, if publica-  
 tion was duly made and five only for Exemplarism  
 to the Election in respect the absence of the Barons  
 should not be prejudicial to the shire; McWhorter's obse-  
 on d. Act 113. And perhaps in some shires six free  
 holders are not to be found. The Commission must  
 be Voted and signed by the free holders present at the  
 Meeting, and not by proxy Act 272 Parl. 15 J. 6. for  
 one having subscribed a Commission ad Procurator  
 for an absent free holder; the Parliament orde-  
 red his Name to be blotted out 14 November 1700  
 Commission to Mr David McWhorter of Prestonhall  
 for being one of the Representatives of the shire of  
 Cromarty. The Commission must also be signed  
 by the Clerk of the Meeting d. Act 272. For the  
 Clerk being a publick servant of the shire and  
 answerable for his Administration, is presumed  
 to Mark exactly what is done, and not to suffer  
 false subscriptions to be put to Commissions, which  
 hath been done. Nor could such falsehood be other-  
 ways easily forced upon any other: seeing the Com-  
 missioner may justly alledge that the Commission  
 so subscribed was granted to him; and a person absent  
 may be chosen Commissioner, in which case he can  
 not know who signed. The free holders must not only  
 be present at Voting, but also must sign the Com-  
 mission before Dissolution of the Meeting, other-  
 wise their Votes will be rejected McWhorter's ob-  
 ser. on Act 113 Parl. 3 Ch. 2. Thus a Commission  
 was annulled upon this ground, that it was subscribed  
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about a Year after the pretended Election at four pound  
 placed 7 October 1696 the Contrived Commission gran-  
 ted by the shire of Elgin &ferred to for Robert Gordon  
 of Gordons town. This was also sustained as a Nullity,  
 that two of the subscribers were absent from the Electi-  
 on. The Clerk of the Meeting after the Election is  
 over, returns the Name of the person Elected to the  
 Sheriff or Stewart, who Unwriteth it to his writ, and  
 returns the same into the Court out of which the writ  
 issued 6 A. cap. 6 55. In case of a Vacancy thro' the death  
 or legal Incapacity of any Commissioner for a shire  
 or Stewarty a new Member is Elected in Manner fore-  
 said in his Room, by the free holders of the shire or  
 Stewarty that blotted the former, Act 8 Sept. 4 Parl. 2. d.  
 6 A. cap. 6 55

All the Royal burghs of Scotland are now repre-  
 sented in the house of Commons by fifteen Commis-  
 sioners, called the Citizens & Burgoesses. The town of Edin-  
 burgh is privileged to Elect and send for it self a  
 Representative to the parliament, but no other par-  
 ticular Burgh can do so for all the rest are divided  
 into 14 Classes or Districts; and every District of Burghs  
 hath Right to Elect and send but one Member to  
 the house of Commons.

The 14 Districts of the royal burghs in Scotland.

Fair Dingwall Dornock Wick Kirkwall	Inverness Nairn Forres & Forres	Elgin Banff Culloden Inverury Kinross	Aberdeen Montrose Brechin Aberbroath Inverurie	Perth Dundee St Andrews Cowper Forfar	} 5.
Angus Aberdeenshire Pittarrow Cross Kilwinning	Dysart Kirkcaldy Brechin Kinghorne	Inverurie Elgin Dumfries Culross Rosedale	Glasgow Dumfries Rosedale Rutherglen	} 9.	
Highland Glasgow Dumfries North Berwick Leith	Leith Glasgow Leith Glasgow	Dumfries Kirkcaldy Aberdeen Leith Glasgow	Highland Glasgow Leith Glasgow		} 13.