

the Certificate, and two Shillings for filing it and no more, under the Penalty of twenty Pounds, to be recovered and divided as aforesaid.

(2.) As to the Method of issuing out Writs and Precepts, it was enacted by the Statute 7 and 8 *W. cap. 25*. That there shall be forty days between the *Tesle* and Return of the Writ of Summons, and that the Lord Chancellor, &c. upon every new Parliament, shall issue out Writs with all convenient speed, which shall be delivered to the proper Officer, and to no other; and he must endorse the Writ the day when he received it, and forthwith make out his Precept, and within three days deliver it to the proper Officer, who hath the Execution thereof, and to no other Person; and he shall endorse the day when he receives it, and give publick Notice of the day of Election, and proceed to the Choice within the space of eight days after the receipt of the Precept, and give at least four days Notice of the day appointed for the Election.

And that no Officer or Mayor, &c. shall take any Fee or Gratuity for making out the Precept, or for the Delivery, Return or Execution of any such Writ or Precept.

(3.) As to the manner of Chusing a Knight of the Shire, and the Qualification of a Voter, 'tis enacted by the last mentioned Statute, That the Sheriff shall hold his next County-Court for the Election, &c. at the usual Places where it had been held for forty Years last past, and there proceed to the Choice, unless it fall out to be within six days after he receives the Writ; and then he shall adjourn the Court to some convenient Place, giving ten days Notice of the Time and Place.

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