

That no Collector, Supervisor, Gauger or other Officer concerned in the Excise, shall in any manner, perswade or dissuade a Voter, either to give or not to give his Vote, upon the Penalty of one hundred Pounds, one Moiety to the Informer, the other to the Poor of the Parish where the Offence shall be committed, to be recovered by any Person who will sue; and if the Defendant shall be convicted, he shall lose his Office, and be incapable of executing any Place under the Government.

And because all Elections should be free from Bribery, 'tis farther Enacted by the Statute, 7 W. cap. 4. That after the *Teste* of the Writ of *Summons*, or issuing out any Writ for electing a Member, if any Person by himself, or by any other in his Behalf, or at his Charge, shall before his Election give, or promise to give the Voter any Meat, drink or Gift, &c. for his Vote, such Person shall be disabled to serve in Parliament, and shall be deemed no Member.

(5) And to prevent all *false and double Returns*, 'tis declared by the Statute 7 & 8 W. cap. 7. That all *false Returns* wilfully made are against Law; and that if any Person shall return a Member contrary to the last determination of the House, of the Right of Electing in such Place, it shall be adjudged a *false Return*, and that the Party duly elected, may sue the returning Officer, and shall recover double Costs and Damages.

And if any Officer shall *wilfully and maliciously* and *falsely* return more Persons than are required by the Writ to be chosen, the like Remedy shall be had against him by the Parry grieved, or against any one who procured such Return.

And that all Contracts, Promises, Bonds and Securities to procure any Returns of a Member shall be void, and he who made such Contracts,
 &c.