

&c. to procure either a false or double Return, shall forfeit three hundred Pounds, one third part to the Crown, another to the Poor, *&c.* and the other to Informer, with Costs.

The *Clerk of the Crown* shall enter every single and double Return in a Book, and every Alteration and Amendment that shall be made to such Return, to which Book, all Persons shall have free Access, and take Copies, paying reasonable Fees; and if any Suit be brought, the Prosecutor may give that Book in Evidence, or a true Copy thereof; and the Clerk of the Crown wilfully omitting to perform his Duty, forfeits five hundred Pounds to the Party grieved, and shall lose his Office.

All Actions on this Statute must be brought within two Years after the Cause of Action, and not afterwards.

This was only a temporary Law at first, but by the Statute 12 *Annæ* cap. 15. 'tis made perpetual.

Then by the Statute 10 & 11 *W.* cap. 7. 'tis enacted, That the Sheriff or any other Officer, who hath the Execution or Return of the Writ, shall return the same to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, but not exceeding fourteen Days after the Election, and shall pay him four Shillings for the Return of every *Knight of the Shire*, and two Shillings for every Member, the same to be allowed in his Accompts to the King in the Exchequer.

And every Officer not making such Return forfeits five hundred Pounds. to be divided between the King and the Prosecutor.

(6) As to Elections for Members to serve for the *Cinque-ports*, the Lord Warden for the time being did formerly claim a Power to nominate one Member for each of the said *Cinque-ports*, and for the two ancient Towns and their Members, but now by the Statute 2 *W.* cap. 7. such Nominations are
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