

A Petition of Thomas Millidge, Esq. was presented by Mr. Hutchinson, and read ; setting forth, that the Petitioner, and Mr. Isaiah Shaw, were Candidates at the late Election for a Representative to serve in General Assembly for the Township of Granville ; which Election took place on the 28th day of July last, and the Poll was kept open for three days : That the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, who is the returning officer for the said Township of Granville, appeared to the Petitioner, and his friends, to be strongly influenced in favor of the Petitioner's opponent, Mr. Isaiah Shaw : That the Petitioner agreeably to the Law of the Province, nominated Benjamin Dodge, Esq. one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and a respectable Freeholder of the Township of Granville, to be his Inspector at the said Election, and he was so appointed accordingly. That the said Isaiah Shaw, nominated Foster Woodbury, of the Township of Wilmot, who is not a Freeholder in the said Township of Granville, and who had no right to interfere in the said Election, or to concern himself in the event thereof, to be his Inspector ; who, notwithstanding his want of qualification, was so appointed. That James Tatterfal, a well known Freeholder, in the Township of Granville, Voted for the Petitioner, at the said Election, that his Vote was taken by the said Sheriff, and entered in his Poll Book ; that, after his vote was so taken and entered, the said Tatterfal was required to take the Freeholder's oath, by the said Foster Woodbury, who had no right to demand the same, on which the said Tatterfal observed, that the Deed of the Lands on which he voted, had been long lodged with the Sheriff, who was then taking the Poll, and who is also the Register of the County, but he was not certain it had been entered by him in his Book of Records, but he would go and search the Records, return to the Hustings, and take the oath, if he found the Deed so entered. That the said James Tatterfal, was denied the time to satisfy his mind on this subject, and his Vote was actually expunged by the Sheriff ; that he, Tatterfal, notwithstanding, went to the Registry, found his Deed was on record, returned to the Poll, and offered to swear to his qualification, but the Sheriff refused to administer the oath, or to restore his Vote to the Petitioner. That Ferdinand Schaffner, a well known Freeholder, in the Township of Granville, voted for the Petitioner, that his vote was received by the Sheriff, and entered on his Poll Book ; when he also was required to swear to his qualification by Mr. Woodbury, which he refused to do, thinking Mr. Woodbury had no right to make the requisition, on which the Sheriff erased his Vote from the Poll Book ; that the said Schaffner was informed a very few minutes afterwards, his vote might be lost, if he did not take the oath, on which he immediately returned to the Hustings, and offered to swear to his qualification, but was not permitted to do so, and his vote was not restored to the Petitioner. That, notwithstanding these refusals, to the Petitioner's Voters, the said Sheriff allowed time, to Gideon Witt, Sylvanus Wade, Benjamin Wheelock, Luke Ryder, and Joseph Anthony Senior, Voters for Mr. Shaw, to see if their Deeds were on Record, that when they had satisfied their minds upon that subject, they returned to the Hustings to qualify themselves some time after, first giving their votes, that they were received, their Votes retained by the Sheriff, and now stand on the Poll Book in favor of the said Isaiah Shaw. That William Kerr, the Schoolmaster, to the Society for the propagation of the Gospel, who possesses lands allotted by Government, for the support of a Schoolmaster, in which he has an Estate for life, provided he continues Schoolmaster in the said Township, which lands he has rented for upwards of forty shillings per annum, for twenty years past, also voted for the Petitioner, and his vote was struck out of the Poll Book after it was received by the said Sheriff, on the application of the said Foster Woodbury, on the ground that the Estate he held in those Lands was not a freehold. That Samuel Willett, Abraham Gesner, and Phineas Millidge, who own large freehold Estates in the said Township, also voted for the Petitioner, and after their votes were received and entered, they were questioned as to their qualification, by the said Foster Woodbury, who they conceived had no right to examine them, and they stated to the Sheriff, that the

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