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On the subject of parliamentary corruption, no writer has spoken with more frankness and perspicuity, than Mr. Doddington, in his celebrated Diary. In a conversation with the Duke of Newcastle in 1753, about an election for Bridgewater, there is the following curious passage: "I recommended my two parsons, Burroughs and Franklin. The Duke entered into it very cordially, and answered me, that they should have the first crown livings that should be vacant in their parts, if we would look out and send him the first intelligence." And again, "Mr. Pelham declared, that I had a good deal of *market-able ware*, PARLIAMENTARY INTEREST, and that if I would empower him to offer it all to the King, *without conditions*, he would be answerable to bring the affair to a good account.—The Duke of Newcastle said, that what I did was *very great*, that he often thought with surprise, at the ease and *cheapness* of the election at Weymouth, *that they had NOTHING like it*. I said, I believed there were few who could give his Majesty six members for *nothing*.—The election cost me three thousand four hundred pounds. I was fairly chosen, nor would the returning officer have dared not to return me, had he not been encouraged by the servants of administration. The borough was lost, and lost solely by a Lord of the Bed Chamber, and the Custom-house officers." (*Par nobile fratrum!*) "Lord Bute had told Anson, that room must be made for Lord Parker, who replied, that all was engaged. Bute said, *What, my Lord, the King's Admiralty boroughs full, and the King not acquainted with it!*