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Yet the said *Simon Z. Watson*, Returning Officer aforesaid, disregarding such a demand, and acting with gross injustice, and partiality in favour of the said *Stephen Sewell*, Esquire, the then absent Candidate, refused to close and determine the said election; and did proceed to a continuation of the same, by precipitating and seeking the admission of voters, contrary and in contravention to his duty; whereof the petitioner, and the said *Jean Antoine Panet*, Esquire, represented as aforesaid, did, and do now, most solemnly and sincerely protest. Wherefore the petitioner most humbly prays, that this House may order the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to produce the Writ of Return, of the said Election, and that the same be amended, by erasing the name of *Stephen Sewell*, Esquire, returned as duly elected, and substituting that of the petitioner.—The petitioner further complains of *Stephen Sewell*, Esquire, one of the Members returned for the said County, that in contravention to the Provincial Statute, in such cases made and provided, and in a manner repugnant to the Statutes of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, did by himself, and by the means of others, menace, intimidate and dissuade, a number of legal electors of the said County, from attending the said poll, held at *St. Philip* aforesaid, and giving their votes in favour of the petitioner. That the said *Stephen Sewell*, Esquire, did further by himself, and by the means of others in his interest and favour, make use of, and employ, divers means of bribery and corruption, whereby to procure voters. That the said *Stephen Sewell*, Esquire, did further keep, or cause to be kept, at his own proper cost and charges, a house of public entertainment, wherein voters for the said *Stephen Sewell*, Esquire, were openly invited, during the said election, whereby the free choice of the electors, was perverted. Wherefore the petitioner most humbly further prays, that this House may find sufficient grounds, to declare and adjudge the said election, for the said County, to be corrupt and void, and that the said *Stephen Sewell*, Esquire, be declared incapable of holding a seat in this present Parliament.—The petitioner further complains of *Simon Z. Watson*, Esquire, the Returning Officer, duly appointed for the said County, that he the said

*Simon*