

The C A S E of the Sheriff of *Warwickshire*, upon a
 Writ coming to him to Elect two Knights to serve in
 Parliament for that County. 48

Upon due notice given of the time of Election, the greatest part
 of the County met, and there stood in Competition for Knights
 of the Shire,

The Lord <i>Digby</i> .	Sir <i>John Knightly</i> .
Sir <i>John Bridgman</i> .	Sir <i>Richard Nudigate</i> .
Sir <i>Edward Boughton</i> .	Mr. <i>Mariott</i> .
Mr. <i>Stratford</i> .	

THE Lord *Digby*, Sir *John Bridgman*, and Sir *John Knightly* having declined
 standing, and Mr. *Burdet* then standing,
 Sir *Edward Boughton*, Mr. *Burdet*, Sir *Richard Nudigate*, Mr. *Mariott*, and Mr.
Stratford stood in Competition.

Upon the View it did plainly appear, and the Sheriff was of opinion, That Sir
Edward Boughton, and Mr. *Burdet* had the most Voices, and the Sheriff offered the
 Poll if any would desire it.

Then Sir *Richard Nudigate* demanded it: But there being several thousands of
 persons, and it being in *February*, when the Weather was cold, and the Days short,
 and after several persons had been Polled (the numbers being troublesome, and Pro-
 visions spent) at the instance of Mr. *Stratford*, it was thought most convenient by
 all the Competitors and Freeholders then present, to Adjourn the County-Court
 from Hundred to Hundred (there being but four Hundreds in the County) to take
 the Voices of every particular Hundred by it self, which was likewise done, to the
 content of all the Competitors, as they declared, and without any Partiality in the
 Sheriff, or misdemeanor in the Under-Sheriff, as will be proved by substantial Wit-
 nesses, notwithstanding what the Petitioners have in their Petition declared to the
 contrary.

After all persons were Poll'd in the several Hundreds, and Proclama-
 tions made in the usual manner for any person to come in and Poll
 that would, and Messengers and Officers sent to fetch them in by
 the consent of Mr. *Stratford*, (Mr. *Mariott* having left it) the Poll-
 Books were cast up, and by the number of Voices it appeared that
 Sir *Edward Boughton*, and Mr. *Burdet* had above a thousand Voices
 more than Mr. *Mariott*, and Mr. *Stratford*; to wit,

Sir <i>Edward Boughton</i> ———2512.	}	Mr. <i>Mariott</i> ———927.
Mr. <i>Burdet</i> ———2449.	}	Mr. <i>Stratford</i> ———1412.

Sir *Richard Nudigate* having before that time declined standing.
 Whereupon the Sheriff did declare Sir *Edward Boughton*, and Mr. *Burdet* to be
 duly Elected, and proclaimed them accordingly, and sealed their Indentures.

*Who submit this their Case to the Judgment and Consideration of this
 Honourable House.*

