

*A Copy of the Return of three Members of Parliament to serve for the County of Northumberland, in 1654. Communicated by MR. JOHN BELL.*

**T**HIS Indenture made ye twelue day of July in ye year of our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty and foure at Alnwick in ye County of Northumberland Between Robert Shafto Esq<sup>r</sup>. Sheriff of ye County aforesaid of ye one p<sup>t</sup>. and Robert Collingwood k<sup>t</sup>. Robert Mitford Edward Fenwick Robert Lisle Will<sup>m</sup> Shafto Richard Forster Luke Killingworth Thomas Horsley Esqrs. Martin Fenwick Robert Shafto John Ogle Thomas Dent George Heron Will<sup>m</sup> Aynesley Thomas Wharton Robert Collingwood John Salkeild Will<sup>m</sup> Rea and divers other p<sup>sons</sup> qualified and capable to elect members to serve in Parliam<sup>t</sup> for County &c. as is p<sup>scribed</sup> in ye gouernment of ye Comonwealth of England Scotland and Ireland on ye other p<sup>t</sup>. Witnesseth That Proclamaion having beene made in every market town in ye County aforesaid w<sup>th</sup> in ten dayes after ye receipt. of a certain writ of ye Lord Protector to ye aforesaid Sherife Directed & to one p<sup>t</sup>. of these Indentures annexed for ye Election of three knights fit and discreet p<sup>sons</sup> of ye County aforesaid for ye parliam<sup>t</sup>. of ye said Lord Protector at Westminster in ye County of Middlesex ye third day of September next to be held The aforesaid Robert Collingwood Rob<sup>t</sup> Mitford Edward Fenwicke Robert Lisle Will<sup>m</sup> Shafto Richard Forster Luke Killingworth Thomas Horsley Martin fenwicke Robert Shafto John Ogle Thomas Dent George Heron Will<sup>m</sup> Aynsley, Thos Wharton Rob<sup>t</sup> Collingwood John Salkeild Will<sup>m</sup> Rea and divers other p<sup>sons</sup> of ye County aforesaid who were p<sup>sent</sup> at such Election freely and indifferently have chosen three knights girt w<sup>th</sup> swords y<sup>t</sup> is to say Will<sup>m</sup> Fenwicke of Wallington Robert Fen-

wicke of Bedlington & Henry Ogle of Eggingham K<sup>ts</sup> to be in parliam<sup>t</sup> aforesaid as in ye said writ is men'oned who for themselves as also for all ye People of ye County aforesaid have full and sufficient power to doe & consent unto those things w<sup>ch</sup> in ye aforesaid Parliam<sup>t</sup> shall then and there by Com'on Consent & Counsell happen to be ordained Provided & it is hereby declared That ye said p'sons so chosen shall not have power to alter ye gouernm<sup>t</sup> as it is now settled in one single person & a Parliam<sup>t</sup>. In wittenesse whereof as well the Seale of office of ye said sherife as also ye Seale of ye Electors aforesaid ye day year & place abovesaid to these Indentures are put and affixed.

Robert Colingwood  
 Robert Mitford  
 E ffenwick  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> fforster  
 Lu Killingworth  
 Thos Horsley  
 Rob<sup>t</sup> Lisle  
 John Ogle  
 Robert Shafto  
 Geo Heron  
 Wm Aynsley  
 Robt Collingwood

Robert Shafto Esq<sup>r</sup> Sherife of  
 Northumberland  
 Will Shafto  
 Martin ffenwick  
 John Salkeld  
 Will. Rea  
 Wm: Horsley  
 Willam Crowe  
 Humphrey Gill  
 John Cooke  
 Rob Smith w<sup>th</sup> many others.