this defft saith that by the lawes and Statute
of this Realme, Lee this defft was according
to the lawe Office and Returne bounde
ought to appeare, attende & serue as a Member
of the same Howse of Comons in such manner
as this defft is alledged and charged by the
said Informacon to have appeared, attended and
served there under the penall ordayned in the
behalfe, & so Lee this defft confesseth that Lee
hath bene the Queene & Comonns of his ma.
to appeare serue and attende as aforesaid for
all wch Causes and for diuers other Causes
impertinent & vnintentible in the said Informacon
appearing Lee this defft doth demurre in law
vpon the said Informacon and humbly demaunde
the Judgem. of this Ho. Court, whether he shalle
compelled to make any answeare thereunto Nuls
Lee this defendt further for Plea to the said
Informacon saith, that it is ordayned by Act
of Parliam. made in the fifte yeare of the
Raigne of the late king Henry the Eight
no knight citizen Burgesse or Baron that
after the said Act be elected to come or be
in any Parliament, nor any of them shall
depart from the same Parliament nor absent
himselfe from the same Parliam. till the sa
Parliam. be fully finished ended and prorogued
except hee or they so departing have leaue
of

of the Speaker and Comons in the howse pliam.
assembled, and the same license be entred of
Record in the Rolle of the Clerke of the
Parliament appointed appointed or to be
appointed by the Comons howse as appeareth
by the same Act, wch Act of Parliam. being
of late yeres ordayned then the said oath to
be taken by Sheriffe for their dwelling in their
Baylicke during the tyme of their Office of
Sheriffalte it as Lee this defendt confesseth
an expresse and absolute Statute and lawe
and a license and Comaund in lawe for the
Attendance and service of him this defendt in
the Howse of Comons mentioned in the said
Informacon and thereby lapse to his this defft
Charge for an offence this defendt having no
such license by the Speaker and Comons to the
Contrary as is contayned in the said Act and
the same last mentioned Act of Parliam. is and
ought to be as Lee this defft Comaundeth a limitac
con or interpretacon of the Extent purport and true
meaning also of the said Clause of the said
oate touching the dwelling of Sheriffe in their
Baylicke set forth by the said Informacon,
And Lee that defendt doth further also for
Plea say, that after such tyme as the Queene
most excellent ma.tie that now is Lee sent
forth his said writt of Comons directed to
the said Sheriffe of the County of Somerset.

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