the County of Somerset in the said
Information also mentioned, and that being so
chosen and elected he was returned accordingly
by the Sheriffe of the said County of
Somerset according to the ordinary and usuall
manner of electing and returning of Citizens
of such Citties for the service of Parliament of
this kingdome, as it was lawfull for him to do
as he mentioned. And touching this this defendt
attendance, and service in the said Parliament laid
to his charge as an offence by the said
Information he saith That as he this defendt
remembreth, and for any thing he yet knoweth
to the contrary, he did not at all offend
therein, and further he was bounden so to
do by the lawes and Statute of this kingdome
and that he had offended if he had not so done
and that the same attendance could not or ought
not to be judged an offence in him this defendt
by this honorable Court, nor to have been done
by him against the lawes of this kingdome. And
this defendt further saith that the said House of
Commons to require of this defendt concerning the
examination and tryall of the lawfullness or
unlawfullness of such election and of that attin-
dance in Parliament of persons so elected doth
belonge did at this defendts owne motion in

the

Commons house out of the Case, he this defendt
had to know whether he ought ~~or ought~~ or
ought not to attend the said Parliamt, appoint
some day to take this very Case of this defdt
into their consideration and to determine the
same as they had done in other Cases of
like nature and neither did nor would give
this defendt liberty to depart in the meane
time. And he further saith that he being
sworn in the Parliament held next before
the Parliament in the said Information mentioned
as one of the knights of the Shire for the
said County of Wiltes, and having heard the
same point questioned in the same Parliamt
touching a member of the House of Commons of the
same former Parliament, who being Sighte
Sheriffe of one County of this kingdome was
then chosen to serve in the same Parliament
during his said Sheriffewicke as a knight of a
Shire of this kingdome, and having observed
that the Priviledge of that Parliament was
then allowed to him, as a member of the said
House of Commons touching a suite then in one of
this Mtie Courts of Justice, And he this defdt
being afterwards duly chosen and returned
to serve in the said Parliamt mentioned in
the said Information as a Citizen for the
said City of Bathe, he this defendt

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