

BRIDGWATER [32] (Cont.)
(Two Seats)

Election	Electors	Candidate	Party	Votes
[Appointment of Patton as Lord Advocate]				
1866	644	P. Vanderbyl	L	312
(12/7)		G. Patton	C	275
1868	1,499†	A.W. Kinglake	L	731
		P. Vanderbyl	L	725
		H. Westropp	C	681
		C.W. Gray	C	650

Writ suspended. Royal Commission appointed which found proof of extensive bribery and as a result the borough lost its right to return a Member of Parliament and was incorporated into the county constituency of Somerset, Western, from July 4, 1870.

Petitions:—

1837: (16/5)	Lapsed on Dissolution of Parliament
1837:	Withdrawn
1859:	Withdrawn
1865:	Election of Westropp declared void. Petition against Kinglake dismissed
1868:	Void election