

rits and demerits of the two Candidates who have come forward on the present occasion.

While proceeding with this investigation, I was delighted to observe a Pamphlet advertised, entitled "Remarks on the Principles of the opposing Candidates for the Representation of Aberdeenshire, addressed to the Landholders and Tenants forming the Constituency"; and, naturally conceiving I would derive much assistance in making up my own mind, from the fair and candid parallel which I anticipated would be drawn by some well-informed and impartial writer, I hastened to possess myself of the treasure, and you may picture my surprise at finding I had been entrapped into the purchase of a party catchpenny. Instead of an able and calm comparison betwixt the rival Candidates, based upon facts within the knowledge of those to whom it is addressed, I could only discover a repetition of absurd and unfounded newspaper chimeras, about Whigs and the Corn Laws, assumed and reasoned on as facts, and some very general, and of course very inconclusive assertions of the fitness of the present Member because he belongs to the Tory party, and the unfitness (if I may use the expression,) of his opponent because he is a Whig. On me, however, the publication produced a different effect from what it was intended to have—for knowing something of SIR MICHAEL BRUCE, and observing how little in a tangible shape could be said by CAPTAIN GORDON'S partizans in his behalf, I decided on giving my support to the former, and I shall briefly state the reasoning which removed all doubt on my part, as to the propriety of this decision, and convinced me that