

# THE ABERDEEN PIRATE,

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### ELECTIONEERING RETROSPECT.

THE bustle and din of last week are now over, and business, which during that period, had been somewhat retarded, has resumed its usual appearance. The Hustings has disappeared from our Plainstones, and a Whig and a Tory have been declared duly elected, to represent the City and County of Aberdeen in the next Parliament.

To those who are not lovers of "garments rolled in blood," it must be pleasing, that the scenes of last week have passed with order and propriety, and that however disappointed the people may be at the result of our County Election, they have shown it to be their opinion, that the proper way to manifest their dissatisfaction, is not by riot or disorder, but by a steady, unswerving adherence to those principles, before which, Conservatives and their system shall speedily disappear.

"And like the baseless fabric of a vision,  
Leave not a wreck behind."

We have already avowed that our wishes were with Sir Michael Bruce, not that we deemed his presence in Parliament, necessary to give the preponderance to that side on which he would have been found—for it is evident from the list of members already returned, that the Whigs will have an overwhelming majority—but that we considered him, as an extensive landed proprietor, and as a gentleman of liberal principles, better entitled to a seat in Parliament, than his honourable opponent. Captain Gordon, however, has been once more successful, but neither he nor his party have much cause to triumph, for in our opinion, and we think it is neither a paradox nor a bull—his success almost amounts to a defeat. When we consider that a great majority of the country lairds are rank Tories, and that the Clergy are leavened with the same leaven, when we consider the influence that these two classes have on the farmers, and the coercive measures they have used to obtain a majority for the Tory Candidate, and last though not least, when we consider that the Corn Laws have been made a bug-bear to terrify the farmers, and induce them to support Capt. Gordon, we say, when these are considered, it is matter of no small astonishment, that in opposition to all these, ten hundred and two electors have come forward and supported Sir M. Bruce. Moreover, be it observed, that in the County there are 2499 electors, that of these there voted for Sir M. Bruce, 1002, and for Captain Gordon, 1182, thus leaving 315 who have not voted at all. Considering, therefore, what we have noticed above, and

the exertions which were made by Capt. Gordon and his agents—which, in many cases, were far from honourable—to obtain votes, we may reasonably aver, that these 315 voters, rather than support Captain Gordon, and seeing they could not give their votes to Sir M. Bruce, without incurring the displeasure of their *dictators*, thought it best, not to make their appearance at the poll. Thus the majority of 180 for Capt. Gordon is not such a mighty affair as would at first sight be imagined, and we are convinced, had the people been left to the uncontrolled exercise of their privilege as electors, the majority would have been *vice versa*.

We hope the Honourable Baronet will see cause to be proud of the support he has met with on this occasion, and that he will, at next election, come forward in that gentlemanly manner which has characterised him during the late contest, and we doubt not of his being returned by a majority more honourably acquired than that of the 180 for Capt. Gordon.

Perhaps the same remarks, in some degree, apply to the elections for the neighbouring counties of Banff and Kincardine. With regard to the representative of Banffshire, if we may judge by his speech and conduct on the hustings at Keith, he is unworthy the name of gentleman, and far more so of a seat in the Commons House of Parliament.

#### To the Editor of the Aberdeen Pirate.

SIR,—There is a very great inconvenience both to the inhabitants of this city and strangers, arising from the want of light at the public clocks after night fall.

Is it the expence that withholds this convenience from the public? If so, I would recommend a subscription for that purpose. Or is it ignorance of how the thing could be accomplished? If this is the reason, I have no doubt but the authorities of "Auld Reekie" would inform us how the clocks there are lighted. If the above meet the eye of the proper authorities, I doubt not but it will be attended to.

I am, &c.

Aberdeen, Dec. 25, 1832.

PAUL PRY.

#### To the Editor of the Aberdeen Pirate.

SIR,—If you, or any of your Correspondents, will answer the following Questions, it will much oblige

#### A CONSTANT READER.

Is it true that a draft of the Lord Advocate's Bill, with respect to Burgh Reform, has arrived in town, the basis of which is—First, that the £10 voters, as registered under the Reform Bill, includes a right of choosing the Magistrates along with the present Burgesses.—Second, that the payment of from £2 to £5, according to the size of the Burgh, shall give a right to either Merchant or Tradesman to exercise his business.

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