

done, the Lords have in as many words said to the House of Commons—"It matters not whether you require Reform or not, we tell you that you shall not have it;—we place our *veto* on your Bill." Was not this to affront the House of Commons? while as the Measure emanated from the crown, the King, and the Ministry were thus set at bay, and the country has been in consequence paralyzed from the throne to the meanest hut on the almost desert moor. But, Sir, it is of infinite consequence to know who they are who have thus dared to throw out such a Bill *sans ceremonie*—and it is consolatory to know, that, with a few exceptions, it was not the genuine nobility of the land, speaking of the Lay Peers. No, Sir, it was Pitt and Castlereagh's Tory Barons.—But ah, Sir, it were well that we could stop here—but we cannot,—the Right Reverend Bench swelled the famous 199. "Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in Askelon"—*the Bishops—the Bishops—the Bishops*—are they to whom the loss of the Bill is to be ascribed!!! Sir, I have a question to ask—in itself momentous; and before I put it, I beg to say that I remember well that I am now speaking under the heaven's blue vault, and am standing almost on the earth's green carpet, in the midst of many thousands of my fellow townsmen, and with my words about to be committed to a wide and extended circulation by the press, and yet Sir, thus circumstanced, I put the question,—Ought the *Lords Spiritual* to have seats in the the House of Peers? I wish not Sir, to put the question why the impious appellation of *Lords Spiritual* is not abolished: but the question which I have put is mooted elsewhere than here, and I trow will be answered at no distant day. Sir, think not that I am an enemy to the Church because I put the question; no, no! I am a friend to the Church, which I could wish to see more unsecularised, as a brighter pledge of that coming period when the Church shall be the world. Sir, the Right Reverend Bench owe their seats since the Restoration to Lord Clarendon, who though he had the most contemptible opinion of the political acumen of the Right Reverend Bench,