

his land at the time, and not a valuation of it made 100 years before he was born ; and if you deny this, I hereby offer to buy any one of your estates, at 27 years' purchase, of the "safe, judicious," "sound, permanent," and "well-known" valued rent of it.

I have been endeavouring to shew that, theoretically, the actual rental is better than the valued : and, lest ye should answer that the actual rental is not always to be ascertained with accuracy, allow me, Gentlemen Commissioners of Supply, to ask you, how you at this day split a cumulo valued rent among the lands included under it ? Do you not take a proof of the actual rental of the different lands, and split the valued rent among these lands, according to their actual rental ? And could you not have mentioned to the Meeting, that you would find no more difficulty, not less safety, and not less soundness, in ascertaining the actual rental, supposing it to be the criterion of the voter's qualification, than you have hitherto found in making what must necessarily be an unjust splitting of an unjust valued rent ?

I humbly hope, that I may not be argued out of my present opinion, that the true rental is better than the false.

Having, shown the absurdity and injustice of the 3d Resolution, I now proceed to comment on the 4th, which resolves, "That in altering the standard of qualification, as settled by the Act 1681, which was the possession of lands holding of the Crown, and rated by the above valuation at £400 Scots, or at 40s. of old extent, that it ought, on no account, to be reduced below £20 Scots of that valuation."