

speaking of the political purity of these, as I shall shortly shew them to be, most praiseworthy individuals, adopted a vile habit of significantly shaking their heads, and of alluding to writerships, cadetships, commissions, &c. which were frequently forced upon the sons of electors, in some little time after the election. I was therefore glad to hear a very venerable gentleman, one of the majority, say "that if any man came forward and attempted to bribe a Scotch county elector, he could expect nothing else than to be knocked down." Now this extract proves two things. It proves, first, that it is highly reprehensible in the public to shake their heads at, or have the slightest doubts of, the immaculate purity of the Scottish paper Barons; and it proves, secondly, that, as we never heard of any Parliamentary candidate for a Scotch County having been knocked down by the Electors, the Scottish members of Parliament have either too high minds, or too great dread of the knuckles of their immaculate constituents, to give the slightest hint at improper remuneration. And this last fact may in some measure assist a man in his enquiries as to why so many anti-reforming Scotchmen have seats in the present Parliament, as Members for rotten English boroughs. As to these two facts, however, many have affected to be sceptical.

Now I, for my poor part, respect, admire, nay venerate the man, who, with a fixed and high-souled contempt of all improper motives, nay, with a deliberate intention of knocking down every man who should offer him value for his money, does, at a very considerable expense to himself, and he, too, often a man with a large