

family, purchase an unprofitable paper vote ; but as the best proof that his vote has been unprofitable, I expect that this man will, at the unanimous call of the country, resign his vote cheerfully, and expect no “ equitable adjustment” for that which, according to his own account, had never been of any value to him. The Gentlemen of the minority gave this proof, and no man now doubts their uprightness.

To your 6th Resolution I do not object.

To your 7th Resolution I mean to object. I deny that since 1707 “ the improvement, and consequent investment of capital in agriculture, have been commensurable with the advancement of commerce and manufactures in towns.”

The only speech at your meeting, in reference to this, was that of Mr. Patrick Bannerman, and he showed that, by the census of 1821, there were in this county 16,081 occupied in trade and manufactures, and only 13,775 in agriculture ; and that in all Scotland there were 190,000 in trade, and only 130,000 in agriculture. To this part of Mr. Bannerman’s speech there was no answer made, because, there was not one of you, Gentlemen of the Majority, dared to support your 7th resolution by asserting that, in 1707 there were also more employed in manufactures than in agriculture.

We know, besides, that about 1707 the manufactures of Scotland were very limited. We know that its trade was almost nothing. We know that in this county the making of “ Aberdeen hose,” and the making of coarse serges in the farmers’ houses, in winter time, were almost the only manufactures we had. We know that they had