

a majority of the respectable inhabitants were averse to him. As the club had determined, previously, to put forward a candidate of its own principles for Aberdeen, as well as for all the other boroughs, to find a person likely to succeed in opposing one whom they learnt was so popular, proved a matter of great difficulty. First one gentleman of great fortune, formerly resident in the town, was solicited by it to offer his services, which he prudently declined, foreseeing that he would be defeated. Two other gentlemen, it is said, were solicited to become candidates, who also declined. During these negociations, as Mr. Bannerman had announced himself a candidate, having been solicited to do so twelve months before by upwards of three hundred Electors, a hand-bill was issued from the press in the pay of the above mentioned club, requesting the Electors to "pledge themselves to no one, as a gentleman of respectability and liberal principles would come forward in a day or two to solicit their suffrage," &c. Several days passed in active canvass by the creatures of the Conservative Club for names to a requisition, when forward came Mr. Hadden, the Lord Provost, recommended by a party, at the head of which was the factors of two noble Lords, members of the Conservative Club, most strenuous opponents of Reform, steady and uniform supporters of the Pitt administration, political pupils of the late Lord Melville, and abettors of all the measures by which he rendered almost all Scotland a close borough, and admitted no man to office or public function of any kind that was not altogether subservient to him. From the recommendation, we may easily infer what are the designs of placing Mr. Hadden in the situation of a Representative in Parliament. Although the intrigues carrying on in Carlton Terrace were known but to a few here, and some of these rather sceptical as to the truth, it was confirmed when a certain noble Lord passed on his way from London. Leaving his suite a stage behind, he took a seat in the mail-coach in the morning, came to Union Terrace, and had a meeting with the Lord Provost, the factor of another noble Lord, and a