

on whom influence is likely to be easily exercised with success. The junto was compelled to accept of an Act of Parliament for the harbour improvements, a *little* more liberal than the former, after expending upwards of £2000 in an attempt to get it renewed on the old system of "secrecy and concealment." By this Act, a few of the citizens are admitted into the number of trustees, but being the minority, they can have no control whatever, and consequently, several gentlemen who have been elected have resigned in disgust, and others have declined to act. The work is, therefore, proceeding entirely at the free-will of Mr. Hadden and his self-elected junto, whether for the ultimate benefit of the town or otherwise, I shall not venture to decide. The expense, however, has been most enormous, and I humbly conceive it would be wiser to adapt ships to the depth of the harbour, than to struggle with nature at so dear a rate. Having thus freely, but candidly, discussed the merits of Mr. Hadden's claims in respect to the *improvements* of the city, of which many may entertain a very different opinion than he, without doubt, does himself; let us now take a brief view of his procedure since he became a Candidate to represent the city in Parliament. Mr. Hadden had, from the days of boyhood, to the days which bring "nought but labour and pain," professed, and strenuously supported the principles on which the country as well as the boroughs had been governed by the faction to which he adhered; and maintained in public and private, that these principles were constitutional, that there was no need for Parliamentary Reform, and that the Reformers were factious innovators. Whilst the Reform Bill was under discussion in the House of Peers, and a few days before it passed, he had publicly declared that he never would sign a paper approving of that measure. As all the world, who knew him, had considered him consistent in his principles, and most people esteemed him honest, upright, and conscientious, in his political conduct, however much they might have differed from him in opinion, it is scarcely possible to conceive with what astonishment