

reported, that Mr. Hadden had, in the course of his canvass, attempted to induce several of the Electors to break their pledge to his opponent—telling them that they were not bound by any moral law to fulfil their promise when another candidate solicited them. That a person who has so long exercised the function of Chief Magistrate in this large and populous city, should inculcate such a doctrine among the people in the lower grades of society, to whom it was said to have been addressed, is somewhat astonishing, and what I would not have believed, had I not repeatedly heard it from the persons' own mouths to whom similar doctrine was addressed by his Committee. It has been attempted to excuse him, by asserting, that such breach of promise in electioneering is quite common in England—than which no calumny can be more false and insulting to that country in general, though no base imputation can disgrace rotten boroughs, or, for aught I know, the Scotch jundos called Town Councils. Mr. Hadden, if he really entertains such a mean opinion of the morals and intellects of the Electors of Aberdeen, must have estimated their general character from his experience of that part of the faction of them which he has been so long accustomed to govern. In this, I hope, for the honour of the human race, he shall find himself mistaken. It appears, however, that upon an expectation so shamefully degrading to the constituency he founds “full confidence of being placed in the situation to which he aspires,” as he certainly knows that, if pledges are held sacred, an overwhelming majority will be against him, if he shall have the hardihood to stand a poll. The expression of such an insulting opinion of the constituency ought to determine every one that has any regard for the dignity of mankind, to vindicate it by voting against him. Is it at all probable, that a man who inculcates the immoral doctrine of breach of promise in the constituency, will hesitate for a moment to disregard promises however solemnly made by himself? Are there any men, endowed with the most moderate understanding, that can be so foolish as to believe that