

slander which has been uttered, and every indignity which has been done against Scotland.

Gentlemen, you can have no common feeling with such persons—you cannot have a word to say in their defence—the largest charity cannot possibly look favourably upon them ; and, I suppose, you blushed when you read the names of that unhappy majority, which denied to Scotland the paltry addition of five members.

We will not despise the Bill, let us take this windfall of five members, but let not this stop our mouths from claiming the other fifty to which we are justly entitled.

Gentlemen, I have heard it stated as an objection to the Bill, that it will deprive us of that influence to which we are entitled. I do not believe this to be true. I know not of any influence which can abide the day light, which is not formed on honourable and patriotic principles, and this influence, which alone dare to be exercised, instead of being diminished will be strengthened. The influence of rank and honesty, wealth and patriotism, power and liberality, can never be trenched upon. Wealth, devoid of other recommendations, may exact compliance from sordid sycophants, but can never influence the true hearted. Rank, without virtue may command the obedience of flattering minions, destitute of knowledge and wisdom, but can never compel the homage of the honest and enlightened. Power, without honesty and patriotism, may obtain the suffrages of the time-serving and weak, but cannot merit the sanction and applause of the liberal and patriotic. You need not be afraid, then, that you will lose your influence when the Bill passes, if you do not throw it away. You