

yoked the horses from his carriage, and drew him amid loud acclamations into the town. Before twelve o'clock the gallery of the Court-House was nearly full, and so great was the crowd at the outer doors that the freeholders could, with great difficulty, find ingress. On Sir Michael's entrance into court, the loudest cheers were given, which continued for several minutes; and Captain Gordon's entrance was greeted with groans and hisses from the gallery. A few minutes past twelve, Mr. Sherriff Murray took his seat on the bench, and read the writ, ordering the election of a knight of the shire. The clerk then proceeded to read the act against bribery and corruption; but, soon after he had commenced, the gallery door was burst open, and the rush for admittance, and the uproar of those in the gallery already seated, and who were most severely crushed, was extraordinary. Every attempt of the sherriffs and officers, to restore order, was unavailing, and the crowd continued to rush into the gallery, in which they appeared to be standing on each others' shoulders. Two or three individuals dropt from the gallery, and several others giving instant symptoms of following, the Sherriff ordered one of them to be apprehended, and he was removed in custody. The clerk proceeded to read the act against bribery and corruption, in dumb show, not one word being heard for the uproar; and, when the reading of the act was finished, Mr. Sherriff Murray said, that it now became the duty of their late representative, the Hon. Captain Gordon, to take the chair as Parliamentary Commissioner. On the honourable member's leaving his seat to go round to the bench, the most tremendous uproar commenced; loud yells, and groans, and hootings and cries of "out with him," "down with him," "Burke him," &c. &c. resounded from the gallery, and from the body of the Court-House, which now overflowed with people, such an attack having been made on the door for admittance, that the Sherriff ordered it to be kept open till the Court was quite full. Captain Gordon took the chair, and it was several minutes before the business could be proceeded with, on account of the uproar; but at length the Sherriff, by waving his hand and showing other most earnest signs of entreaty, succeeded in restoring a sort of order; and the honourable and gallant Captain proceeded to call the roll; and on Sir Michael Bruce's name being called, the assembly gave six cheers for him.

The usual oath being taken and subscribed by the freeholders, Mr. Grant of Monymusk moved that Mr. Menzies of Pitfodels should take the chair. The motion having been seconded,

Sir Michael Bruce said that he was happy to concur in the propriety of this nomination.