

of Facts' what he wants, as well as if Mr B. told him. Was it not depriving the citizens of a privilege to sell, or to connive at the sale of the Stocket Muir, to deprive *Senex* and the other citizens of their walks? Will it not be taking away a privilege to sell the Inches, and allow factories to be built there, to boil *stale measter* and soft soap, to smoke us out and destroy our healths? Is it not fraud and robbery to charge Trades Burgesses the highest shore-dues for their imposts, in the face of an Act of Parliament against them? They are still persevering in this, and extracting hundreds of pounds that they have no right to, and have involved tradesmen in many law-suits for these. Let Mr Hadden refund these monies, and we will give him credit for the action. Provost Hadden's name is in Captain Gordon's Committee, along with a list of such like honourables. He and his party have increased the national debt from 200 to 600 millions, for no other purpose than to keep us out of Reform. If they will pay us these 600 millions, or even the interest in the mean time, we may perhaps be induced to vote some of them into Parliament, but no honest man would vote for any of them until they do that. As our pamphleteer likes facts he shall have plenty of them.— His greatest stronghold is in page 15, where he says, Mr Hadden and the Council made a Minute in their books, recommending to their successors in office to adopt a more liberal system of Burgh government. This Minute was never intended to see the light, but only to cast in our teeth, on some such occasion as the present. In proof of this, Mr Peter Taylor was one of the Trades Councillors; on leaving the Council Board he went to Trinity Hall, to a meeting of the Trades, and told them what had taken place. They sent him immediately to the Council Chamber for a copy of the Minute, which the Clerk gave him, and which he got printed in Dundee, and was returned to Aberdeen in the course of a day. Mr Taylor was reprimanded for this by the Provost. It is a common practice with the Magistrates to take the Councillors from the same trade, if they do not displease his Lordship. Mr Taylor was Deacon of his own Trade a year ago, and should have succeeded his predecessor, but for his old offence he was rejected, and a Baker taken instead of him. At present Mr Bruce is Deacon of the Bakers, and would go to the Council, but he is to vote for Mr Bannerman. Will the Provost take one that is to vote against him? This is the kind of Reform the "Lover of Facts" deals in! He tells us that we, the working classes, are ignorant; but ignorant though we are, we know when we go to buy a shilling's worth of meal, and pay down the money, that if the meal seller tells us that we are not to lift the meal until we pay other five shillings for the landed proprietors and tax eaters, that this is not right. Will the Provost sign a bond for £2000 that he will vote for a repeal of the Corn Laws, or vacate his seat? If the Treasury funds are so thriving as the "Lover of Facts" maintains, why is the Police tax still levied?

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