

few more of Mr. Hadden's Committee, where, doubtless, the terms of the treaty for the prosecution of the political warfare were settled. That ever any such intrigues were carried on, or that any treaty of the kind was ever concluded, has been vehemently denied, and pronounced to be false, by one of Mr. Hadden's agents. To his averment just as much credit is due as to that of subordinate agents generally, who are told no more than what may be necessary to enable them to perform the contemptible work for which they are employed. From authority too respectable to be doubted, but which, for the present, it would be improper to divulge, I believe it to be true. Mr. Hadden perhaps does not know that several other gentlemen were solicited to become candidates before he was applied to, but he cannot deny that he is chiefly supported by the agents of the Conservative Club; and whether or not it be true that he is supported by its money, is a matter of no moment to any one but himself. Denying all connexion with the said club, he rests his claim upon the gratitude of his fellow-citizens for the extraordinary services he has rendered to the community as a Magistrate, and the great improvements of the city and port which have been effected under his auspices.

Let us discuss freely the justice of his claims to the merit of all the improvements that have been introduced. He was Treasurer of the city so early as 1785; and, therefore, must have been a Member of Council several years before, so that he has been in it upwards of half a century, and, for more than thirty years, he has never been out of it above one year at a time, when his seat has been regularly filled by a brother or son. He has been the mainspring of all the transactions and elections, and with admirable dexterity, has always contrived to surround the Council table with the requisite number of noses, with such a convenient paucity of intellect, as enabled him to carry all his measures by a majority. If, by mistake, any man of superior ability happened to be introduced, he was sure to find himself in a minority if he ventured to differ from the dictator, and at