

quired experience to guide him, and he is minutely acquainted with every thing relating to the county. You have yourselves testified to his merits on more than one occasion, and he has done nothing yet to forfeit your esteem. His opponent is not superior to him in abilities, while he is attached to a party determinately hostile to your interests. You who have been long electors cannot dismiss Captain Gordon from your service, and be consistent with your own professions. But I do you far less than justice to suppose, even in the most distant degree, that you are capable of such an action. To those gentlemen who are about to acquire a voice in the election I would only say, judge coolly, —throw prejudice aside—weigh well the principles of both parties—let not sophistry, or a show of liberality, blind you to your interests. Remember that your representative, if you wish well to yourselves, must, above all other qualifications, be the strenuous advocate of that measure which more than any other tends to secure your prosperity; and he must at the same time belong to that party most zealous for your welfare. You have a man in the field who has laboured for the prosperity of the County for many years; who deserves well of you—who is attached to you from interest, and to your interests by principle.