

their grievances ; and I am sure that you seriously wish that we should not intermeddle with the right of Louis Phillip, to govern the French. It was very wild at one time, to say that two and two did not always make four in financial speculations ; but the nation is now convinced, that the reduction of a tax upon a commodity largely used, serves to increase the amount of the tax. It was very unconstitutional, you know, to admit dissenters to corporation offices ; but now dissenters and catholics are admitted without scruple, and what is very wonderful, our constitution still remains to adorn the figures of Sir Robert Peel's speeches, and point the lachrymose periods of old Lord Eldon. Were we to believe all the sad stuff which has been spoken, our " glorious constitution " has been exceedingly tenacious of life, for I am sure I have heard its destruction stated as certain, if measures were allowed to pass, which measures did pass. Now there is absolutely nothing in these clap-traps which ought to weigh with you. It is very revolutionary to give Aberdeen a member, is it not ? It is very unconstitutional to disfranchise Old Sarum, which has neither house nor inhabitant—it is very wild to give Scotland five additional members, and Ireland one.

We lose our " vested rights," you tell me, and the representation will fall into the hands of farmers and feuars, *et hoc genus omne* of earth grubbers, who have but a trifling interest in the country. Vested rights are often public wrongs, and the sooner they are redressed the better. I need not tell you, that there are such nonentities as parchment freeholders—men, in general, select-