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A LATE No. of Blackwood's Magazine has some excellent thoughts in an article on the then approaching general election. It commences with pointing out the immense powers of the House which the people were about to elect. It states the overwhelming authority of the House of Commons in matters of the most gigantic and minute description—its privileges—and its general principles and character. The article reviews the conduct of the late house—and from many reasons, and the most convincing logic, proves, that it might be expected of the people to treat the coming Election as a thing of the very highest solemnity and moment. A review is then taken of the common current of events at Elections, and of the base and shameful motives which too often influence electors. Of People in trade, it says "with them the issue of the next election in regard to the public weal, is a matter not to be thought of; for a few extra orders they would fill the House of Commons with lunatics and pick pockets." Others not in business sell their votes for expectations of petty places and favours, the highest bidder is the man of their choice, "and," as far as they are concerned, "the new House of Commons may do what it pleases with the Empire." Then the numerous tribes of Partizans are treated of, men who sacrifice gain to prejudices, revenge, friendship, and to the many shades of party madness. With these a Candidate is supported or opposed, not as he may be considered fit or unfit, but as he agrees or disagrees with their hateful irrational passions and pre-possessions.