

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

THE highly praiseworthy conduct of the Editors of the "Globe" newspaper in exposing and denouncing a very rascally attempt to swindle Her Majesty's subjects, and the resolute bearing of its proprietors in meeting before a jury the gasconading effort of vengeance brought against them by the discomfited promoter of this mischievous scheme, merit the warmest gratitude of all who are capable of discriminating between right and wrong. And this sentiment has induced us to profit by their line of conduct, by preserving in a tangible shape the record of the proceedings referred to; adding to this a few not irrelevant *notanda*, both as connected with the moving principle of the transaction, and the *illustrious* order, so readily adapted for similar outbreaks against common sense and propriety.

The promoter of the "British-American Association for Emigration and Colonization" is an individual styling himself *Sir Richard Broun, Baronet*. When the bubble was started, this person then wrote himself *Knight*.* Both titles being alike baseless assumptions, it may be as well to record the pedigree of this distinguished character, as set forth in the infallible Mr. Burke's "Peerage and Baronetage" (last edition), aided of course by the obliging corrections of the party whose bright dignity it mirrors forth. We omit the "family tradition" of French descent from the era of the Conquest, and commence somewhat nearer to our own time. The account of the family in Mr. Broun's own "Baronetage" is even more diffusively vague.

"Various other notices occur of chiefs of the family in the parliamentary records and meetings of estates, together with names long associated with the history of those times, down to George Broun of Colstoun, who m. Margaret, daughter of Sir D. Murray of Stanhope, Bart., by his wife, the Lady Lilius Fleming, dau. of John Earl of Wigtoun, by a dau. of John Earl of Montrose, and

* We give his altisonant title as noted by himself in his "Baronetage of the British Empire" for 1843:—

"Sir Richard Broun, Eques Auratus, Hon. Secretary to the Committee of the Baronetage for Privileges, a Knight Commander of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and Grand Secretary of the Langue of England." What this Free-masonic trash means we know not: of all such associations of self-styled "Knights," the only gentlemanly and aristocratic one is, we believe, that of the Order of Knights Templars of Scotland, so called; and where this "Grand Secretary of the Langue" dare not venture to show his nose.