

## MR. CANNING AND HIS SERVANT.

When at college, he was attended by a very faithful servant, who, like all surrounding his patron, became much attached to him. Francis, for such was his name, was always distinguished for his blunt honesty, and his familiarity with his master. During Mr. Canning's early political career Francis continued to live with him. Mr. Canning, whose love of fun was innate, used sometimes to play off his servant's bluntness upon his right honourable friends. One of these, whose honours did not sit so easily upon him as upon the late premier, had forgotten Francis, though often indebted to his kind offices at Oxford. Francis complained to Mr. Canning that Mr. W. did not speak to him. "Pooh," said Mr. Canning, "it is all your fault; you should speak first; he thinks *you* proud. He dines here to-day—go up to him in the drawing-room, and congratulate him upon the post he has just got." Francis was obedient. Surrounded by a splendid ministerial circle, Francis advanced to the astonished statesman, with "How d'ye do, Mr. W.? I hope you're very well—I wish you joy of your luck, and hope your place will turn out a good thing." The roar was of course universal. The same Francis afterwards obtained a comfortable birth in the customs through his kind master's interest. He was a staunch Tory. During the queen's trial he met Mr. Canning in the street. "Well Francis, how are you?" said the statesman, who had just resigned his office, holding out his hand. "It is not well, Mr. Canning," replied Francis, refusing the pledge of friendship; "it is not well, Mr. Canning, that you should say anything in favour of that ——" "But, Francis, political differences should not separate old friends—give me your hand." The sturdy politician at length consented to honour the ex-minister with a shake of forgiveness. It is said that Mr. Canning did not forget Francis when he returned to power.—*Annual Biography and Obituary for 1828.*

LONDON MERCHANTS.—The peerage, as well as the baronetage of England, exhibits numerous proofs of voluntary respect paid to commerce by British sovereigns. The noble house of Osborne, which has attained the first honours of a subject, had for its founder Edward Osborne, apprentice to Sir William Hewet, a merchant who lived in London, and was lord mayor in 1553. Sir William had only one daughter, Anne, who, when a child, was by the carelessness of her nurse, dropped into the Thames. The apprentice, Edward Osborne, jumped into the river and saved her life. When the child grew up to womanhood, as she was rich, she had many suitors, among whom was the Earl of Shrewsbury, but the father refused them all, saying, that as Osborne had saved her he should have her. They were married, and their descendant is Duke of Leeds.—The Marquis Cornwallis is lineally descended from Thomas Cornwalley, merchant, who was sheriff of London in 1378. The house of Wentworth was founded by Sir W. Fitzwilliam, who was an alderman of London, and sheriff in

1506; he was a retainer of Cardinal Wolsey, and knighted by Henry VII. for his attachment to that prelate in his misfortunes. He built the greater part of the present church of St Andrew, Undershaft—The Earl of Coventry is descended from John Coventry, mercer and lord mayor in the year 1425. He was one of the executors of the celebrated Whittington.—Laurence des Bouveries married a daughter of a silk mercer at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, and returning to England, laid the foundation of the house of Radnor.—The ancestor of the Earl of Essex was Sir William Capel, lord mayor of London in 1503. The ancestor of the Earl of Dartmouth, T. Legge, or Legget, a skinner, was twice lord mayor—in 1347 and 1354, and lent King Edward III. no less a sum than £300 for his French war.—Sir William Craven, merchant tailor and lord mayor of London, was ancestor of the present Earl of Craven; and the present Earl of Warwick is lineally descended from William Greville, a citizen of London, and "flower of the wool-staplers."—Thomas Bennet, mercer, sheriff in 1594, and mayor in 1603, laid the foundation of the fortunes of the Earls of Tankerville, who are lineally descended from him.—The ancestor of the Earls of Pomfret was Richard Fermour, who having amassed a splendid fortune as a citizen in Calais, came to England, and suffered attaint under Henry VIII., and did not recover his property till the 4th of Edward VI.—The Earl Darnley owes the first elevation of his family to John Bligh, a London citizen, who was employed as agent to the speculators in the Irish estates forfeited in the rebellion in 1641.—John Cowper, an alderman of Bridge Ward and sheriff in 1551, was ancestor of Earl Cowper; and the Earl Romney is descended from Thomas Marsham, alderman, who died in 1624.—Lord Dacre's ancestor; Sir Robert Dacre, was banker to Charles I., although he lost £90,000 by that monarch, left a princely fortune to his descendants.—Lord Dormer is descended from Sir Michael Dormer, lord mayor in 1541.—Viscount Dudley and Ward's ancestor was William Warde, a goldsmith in London, and jeweller to the consort of Charles I.—Sir Rowland Hill, who was lord mayor in the reign of Edward VI. was ancestor of Lord Berwick, Lord Hill, and "all the Hills in Shropshire."—*Newspaper.*

A JUNGLE IN INDIA.—The height of the grass struck me as particularly wonderful. I was mounted on a very fine elephant, not less than eleven feet high; the howdah, or seat, fastened on the animal's back, must have been full two feet high, it being strapped on a very thick pad: this would give thirteen feet. Now, when standing upright, the attitude usually adopted by sportsmen when beating the jungle in order to see better around them, my head must have been near nineteen feet above the ground, but the grass was generally three, and in some places six feet higher than my head. The stalks were full an inch and a half in diameter, and it would be almost impossible, certainly very fatiguing, to attempt to force a passage on foot through such a thicket, independent of the chance of meeting with a tiger on a sudden.—*Picturesque Tour along the Ganges.*