

Mr. C.—There is a Law of England of which Mr. Hyde appears to be profoundly ignorant. It is that by which all Government contractors are excluded from Parliament.* Should you be simple enough to elect Mr. Hyde, (but of this there is little danger,) he might find that a constitutional majority would compel him to choose between his contract and his seat.

H.—"Profoundly ignorant," is a favorite expression of this dignified writer. Perhaps the motto is by nature stamped on his own brain. The "simple electors," so highly complimented by Mr. C., will not be very greatly alarmed about the doings of a "constitutional majority."

Mr. C.—A few words relative to some of the remarkable passages in Mr. Hyde's "address." In page 3. it is written, be it known to all, I have no *claims* whatever, except the respect of all men, and this I intend to command by bold, energetic, and upright conduct. I do not *rest* the result on either the perfections or imperfections of Mr. Creelman or any one else, but solely on my own merits, rough and unlettered as they may be, conscious of honesty of intention—unshackled and independent I stand or fall."

Surely this is modesty, if not the very essence of humility and the spirit of lowliness. Plain language this, not difficult of interpretation; as much as to say, I Hiram Hyde, who have heretofore been like unto other men of Adam's race, having my faults and failings, not being universally respected and beloved, shall remain in this state of mediocrity no longer, henceforth I am to become a great and mighty EXCEPTION among the sons of men. My conduct hereafter shall command for me universal respect, I *intend it*. The result of my election, do not rest upon any thing good or bad in or about any one else. My own intrinsic merits are my hope. The principles and pledges of my opponent are nothing, I do not intend to make a slave of myself to your whims and opinions. I shall make no pledges—I must remain "unshackled and free." No matter gentlemen, what opinions *you* may form, or what conclusions you may arrive at respecting my fitness to serve you as your representative, I will keep constantly before my own eyes my own "merits" "stand or fall."

Verily the "good time" is at hand, "we will surely live to

* By the 22nd of George III. ch. 45, no person who shall hold or enjoy any Contract entered into for the public service, shall be capable of being elected, or of sitting or voting as a member of the House of Commons.