

Mr. WORKUM's Speech.

“ Mr. CHAIRMAN,

THERE is not a gentleman here, who honours this society more than I do, for your past conduct. I have heard one worthy gentleman affirm, that you have been personating Whigs, in your opposition to former ministers. If I did not know the gentleman well, I should doubt his attachment to you. It ill becomes men of honour to act a dissembling part. Whatever you have done, I am persuaded, flowed from your own sentiments; and if you did act a Whig part, I should think it a less reproach to you, to say, that you were, than that you pretended to be, WHIGS.

Sir, I was in hopes, that party distinctions were at an end. I have heard many gentlemen here present, affirm it very confidently, and am therefore sorry to hear them speak of themselves as a distinct body. I know of nothing that has distinguished you formerly but your public spirit; and I apprehended, that this consultation had no other object, than former consultations, the good of your king and country. I will still believe this, notwithstanding appearances to the contrary, and deliver it as my opinion, that you ought to condemn a Standing Army in time of peace, because you have condemned it for so many years past. You could not be mistaken in