

and patience. They are, on the present occasion, a *legal* and *constitutional* HIGH COMMISSION COURT, who are, in forming the awful TRIBUNAL before whom "you have put yourself on your deliverance," to act in the double capacity of your JURORS and your JUDGES. After having determined on their *verdict*, they will pass sentence according to the result of it; and neither you, Sir, nor I, can have any thing to fear from their *candour*, their *liberality*, or their *justice*. The question is contained within a very *narrow* compass—within "a nut-shell," as the grave and reverend SAGES of the Law express themselves. The chief point in issue between us, is this: You have boldly and unequivocally asserted "your *claim* to a pension, in consideration of your *long* and *laborious* SERVICES, rendered to the *PUBLIC*." I have denied your claim; and the proofs I have adduced in support of my argument, are most of them drawn from the *volume* of those very services of which you boast so highly. In bringing them forward, I may have expressed myself with *warmth*; but I hope and trust that I have not *wittingly*—*wilfully*, I am certain, I have not—endeavoured to *deceive* or *mislead* that Court and Jury for which I shall ever entertain the highest and most unbounded respect, and to whose decision I shall always bow with the greatest *humility* and *deference*. I have endeavoured to keep in view the excellent advice of the Poet, to "no-  
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