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But, befides these confiderations, which are to the Prefident . and his Affeffors, there is one which immediately concerns the Society, and that is, that if the ducal chairs are once to be bestowed, we shall be involved in endless unprofitable debates, about recommending to Council, on whom they shall be beflowed. The republican, when he hears they are to be given to Sovereign authority, will alk them for the fenators of Lucca and San Marino; or if he is not a very learned republican, for the lenator of Rome; fomebody elfe will think that Meer Catabaw, a Cherokee King, or the well-educated Omiah, now perhaps a powerful Chief, in his own country, ought to have them ; and a third party will be of opinion, that General Paoli, fometime Protector, tho' never Kingof Corfica, and certainly not the worfe for having been unfortunate, ought to have them perpetually. Thus the Geographer and Heralds of the Society, will be conftantly at work about the jus gentium, and Somerfet Place continue in as great a ferment as the diet of Ratifbon, 'till it is determined who are fovereign princes and who are not. But this must not be : traditum ab antiquis morem servare memento, which being translated means, no chair but the Prefident's and the two Secretaries ever ought to come into the meeting room of the Royal Society. It is the fame fpirit of adulation to great perfonages, which has dictated the new alterations in the lifts, in which, amidst the truly courtly care to fecure protection, support, and forbearance for the Royal Society of London, by inferting the additions of every Commissioner of the Cuftoms, and Member of Parliament, who has the honour to be of the body; we cannot but admire, that it has been thought improper to print any addition after the name of the furgeons. As to Mr. Nairne, the inftrument maker, though foreign academies may think the admiffion of an eminent man in his profeffion, does us as much honour as any admiffion on the lift, we can account for his profession not being marked. The President, (preluding, as it fhould feem, to his future greatness) endeavoured formerly to exclude him, as well as feveral other learned members, from the Society. Another proof, if any was wanting, that the gentleman now in the chair, however qualified, or whatever his merits of another kind may be, has not the ideas proper for a Prefident of the Royal Society, and that he never will have them.

Two words more, and we have done.—Much has been faid of the Prefident's attachment to the interests of the Royal Society, as far as his abilities will allow him to fee them (nobody has spoken of him as a lynx) and of his nice attention to the management of our finances. Neither of these qualifications we mean absolutely to deny him; for, though the two worst papers in the Transactions of the four last years—papers year