

their names, and unite to consider, as unworthy, all such persons as shall still think proper to insult all the commons, as well as all the learned men of this country, by claiming, on the score of birth only, what any man must confess to be the sole due, if not of literary merit, yet of other qualities with which birth or station have nothing to do. To such an association, therefore, i. e. to the rejection of every Candidate, except persons of the Royal Family, whose certificate does not hang up twelve nights, the Fellows of the Royal Society are here most earnestly invited.

Another remedy of a quite different kind, (and which we only mention to shew the danger of not checking Sir Joseph Banks's usurpation, as we should be sorry to see Candidates have recourse to it,) is the following:—Let every Candidate, who wishes to be a Member, make a regular canvass of the Society, as one gentleman did; his admission will then depend upon personal civility, upon common good nature, against which it is folly to suppose Sir Joseph, who has himself stretched that string so far on a late occasion, could either contend or weigh. Had he, indeed, appeared to have had a proper sense of the dignity of the Society; had he uniformly rejected improper Candidates; had he not shewn so shameful a partiality to high birth and situation, as, amidst all his professions of attachment to the minutiae of order, to suffer, only five weeks ago, the Earl of Salisbury and Sir William Younge, to sit in the room whilst their election was going forward, thus precluding all possible enquiry into their literary qualifications: if it did not appear from what has been stated, that he had yielded to favour at one time, and followed private resentment or caprice, at another; he might have expected that the independant Members would have joined him in preventing so improper a mode of getting into the Society; but till he abjures, in a public manner abjures, (the only security he can give *us*) any interference as President, direct or indirect; till he gives unequivocal signs of repentance, by supporting, with all his strength, the eight Candidates he has used his strength to overthrow, it is folly to suppose, that any gentleman of the Society will any longer suffer himself, or his friend, to be laughed at and duped by Sir Joseph Banks: that *he* will not, on the contrary, avail *himself* of the facility the intercourse of this great town affords to those who know how to canvass, to bring about, what the President brings about by surprise and a secret junto. We repeat it, that we do not mean absolutely to recommend such measures, but only mention them to shew what the President's conduct unavoidably must end in.

But perhaps, after all, we may be reminded, that we speak only of the certificates which Sir Joseph Banks ought not to have rejected, but omit to mention some in which his inter-

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