

It was this Thomas Banks, this notorious character, that was to be seen, day after day, in the office of the Crown agents, working side by side his worthy friends, assisting them in getting up their absurd charge. Both Banks and Tyrrell *were sent for* by the Crown agents, to some of whom the former appears to be well known, he having formerly given advice of which these respectable gentlemen did not hesitate to avail themselves in bringing their action. Banks, in 1826, while writing the most hypocritical letters, couched in language of interest and affection for the family, was, by his conduct in America, giving Lord Stirling a most equivocal reputation; and there is good reason to believe, that the first abusive attack that was made in the public papers against his Lordship, on taking his title, fourteen or fifteen years ago, was from the pen of this old man.

All the difficulties of this case, all the trouble and anxieties that Lord Stirling and his family for so many years have endured, are chiefly due to the zealous exertions of these two men, Banks and Tyrrell. The Crown lawyers, to their discredit, have acted in a great measure during their opposition to this case, upon the false and treacherous information which these parties have communicated.

One cannot, then, be surprised, that when counsel offered to read Banks's letters to Lord Stirling, relating his pretended discovery of the Excerpt charter, the Crown lawyers should have objected to it; and that, as usual, the objection, in spite of remonstrance, was allowed! We cannot help noticing the remarkable fact, that incessant efforts were made to prevent Lord Stirling's proof being admitted; which we do not hesitate to say, in common fairness, could not have been refused in another case. Neither can we