

Sir Archibald Mac-Sarcasm was heard with attention, and universally applauded. He sat down with a smile upon his countenance, which discovered a noble consciousness of having done well. A gentleman rose up next, with whom few of the company were much acquainted, and a doubt was raised, whether he ought to be heard, some having violent suspicions about his sanity of mind. Sir Archibald flushed with his recent success, spoke again, and undertook to prove his insanity, from his having appeared in opposition to the present ministry. Sir Robert Filmer thought it sufficiently proved, from his labouring under the suspicion of Whiggism, which he affirmed to be a principle no man in his senses could entertain. Others attested, that he had many lucid intervals, and proposed that the chairman should examine the present state of his mind, before he permitted him to deliver his thoughts. But the chairman confessed himself unprepared for such an examination, in the course of which, as is usual among lunatics, he might throw out smart repartees, a species of conversation, to which the chairman had not been accustomed. He therefore thought it most adviseable, to let the gentleman speak, and to interrupt him, if he deviated into the merits of the question, which would be the clearest evidence of insanity. The gentleman, whose name was Mr. WORKUM, submitted to this.