

public business. He will have need of my counsel soon or syne. We have a fore party to contend with. It behoves, that we deliberate with wisdom, and act with firmness. It mainly imports, that we suffer not those pestilent heads, the Whigs, to dislocate our system.

I gratulate myself, Sir, that I was casten in company with you and the worthy gentlemen here present. We have sitten together before, but never with so fair a prospect of cementing our union. The alliance is natural, and will turn to our emolument, for it cannot misgive. We shall have a full upmaking, when our minister can bring his great work to perfection, and put the Cope-Stone upon it. We shall then be differenced from wicked men, who perturbate his administration, and will not imbibe the principle that makes us good subjects.

Let us make a solemn league and covenant, and join our hands and hearts. I declare upon the honour of a North Briton, that I will rather die ere I will prostitute the name of MAC-SARCASM, by giving my help or advice to the Whigs.

Anent the matter now before us, I agree with Sir Robert Filmer. The army shall be approved by me, as it is the measure of our noble minister, my friend and ally. It will be safe in his hands, and harmless to all my friends, for most of the officers are my countrymen; and this reason I think as lucid and cogent as any, which our other worthy friends have adduced."