

## PROCEEDINGS, &c.

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**AFTER** a great deal of unconnected, and, sometimes incoherent matter, which occasioned Mr. Gourlay a long and painful delivery of nearly three hours, which was listened to with no small degree of impatience by a numerous and very respectable meeting of the inhabitants and landholders, of the Townships of Hope and Hamilton. Mr. Fothergill rose in reply, and began by apologizing to the older inhabitants, for the liberty he was about to take, and craving their indulgence for having come amongst them wholly unprepared for such an encounter, which the nature of his many avocations did not permit; then, turning towards Mr. G—, with much animation he observed:

“ As to Mr. Gourlay himself, I would remark, that every man who has actually become a public character or may be aiming at that distinction, has *two characters*—a *public* and a *private* one. It cannot be supposed, that I am acquainted with Mr. G's privacy in the more obscure paths of life. I