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cry the book down, and they began their attack by crying up the *blessings* of the Constitution.

Had it been your fate to have been there, you could not but have been moved at the heart-and-pockets-felt congratulations that passed between all the parties on this subject of *blessings* ; for the *Outs* enjoy places and pensions and sinecures as well as the *Ins* , and are as devoutly attached to the firm of the house.

One of the most conspicuous of this motley groupe is the Clerk of the Court of King's Bench, who calls himself Lord Stormont. He is also called Justice General of Scotland, and Keeper of Scoon (an opposition man) and he draws from the public for these nominal offices, not less, as I am informed, than six thousand pounds a year, and he is, most probably, at the trouble of counting the money, and signing a receipt, to shew, perhaps, that he is qualified to be Clerk as well as Justice. He spoke as follows: *

" THAT *we* shall *all* be unanimous, in expressing *our* attachment to the constitution of these realms *I am confident* . It is a subject upon which there can be *no* divided opinion in *this house* . I do not pretend to be deep read in the knowledge of the Constitution, but *I take upon me* to say, that from the extent of *my* knowledge (*for I have so many thousands a year for nothing*) it appears to *me* , that from the period of the Revolution, for it was

* See his Speech in the Morning Chronicle of Feb. 1.