

early impressions written in our intellects and memories. Hence we must be mindful, that monarchs are but fallible mortals, that tyrants have sat on thrones, that the mercy-seat of royalty and the sanctuary of justice have been polluted by a Tresilian, a Scraggs, and a Jeffries."

Here was a frown from the Bench.

Nay, my Lord, I am a poor man, but I am a freeborn subject of the kingdom of Ireland—a member of the constitution—nay—I am *now* higher, for I am the representative thereof. I therefore claim for myself and fellow jurors the liberty of speech, and, if I am refused it here—I shall assume it before the people at the door of this Court House and tell them why I deliver my mind there, instead of delivering it in this place.

"I say, my Lord, we have nothing to do with your private character, we know you only in that of a judge, and as such we would respect you. You know nothing of us but as a jury, and in that situation we would look to you for reciprocal respect; because we know of no man however high his titles or his rank, in whom the law or the constitution would warrant the presumption of an unprovoked insult towards that tribunal in whom the constitution had vested the clearest and most invaluable privilege the people possess. I before said, my Lord, that we are here met, not individually nor do we assume pre-eminence, but in the sacred character of a jury, we should be wanting in reverence to the constitution itself if we did not look for the respect of every man who regards it, we sit here, my Lord, sworn to give a verdict according to our consciences, and the best of our opinions on the evidence before us. If we have erred—we are answerable, not to your Lordship, nor to that Bench, nor to the King who placed you there, but to a higher power, THE KING OF KINGS."

The Bench was struck dumb, the bar silent; but approbation was shouted throughout the crowd; and the poor man was discharged.

The noble independence and the firm virtue of this jury require no comment—the energetic, constitutional, and glorious sentiment of their foreman, are above all praise.

Your firm attachment to the principles of the British Constitution, and more especially to its jurisprudence as one of its greatest bulwarks, leave no doubt on my mind, that this will appear in the next number of the Enquirer.

I am Sir,

Yours respectfully,

G. S.

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LIVERPOOL, OCTOBER 1, 2318.—Two vessels, laden with the produce of Spain, touched here for water a few days since. These are the only vessels which have been seen here for above a month.

Edinburgh, October 1, 2318.—Last week, by a special order from government, three men were executed in the new way (by hanging with their heads downwards), for having the daring impudence to assert, in the open street, in public violation of respect for the three great kings, that "America was the only country for liberty, and England was becoming desolate." They appeared resigned, but did not seem sorry for what they had done. They died in two hours and twenty-nine minutes.