

and the views I may entertain with regard to the Sandfields ; to the nature of their influence and the character of their rule. But though it does, I would nevertheless indeed prefer being silent on such a subject, and leave to others, better qualified than our humble selves, the expression of their views thereon ; not that we would fear the anger of the *Dynasty*, or dread the hatred of their snubbed conceit, should we in the course of our observations have occasion to characterize our respect for them as beneath our regard for the Hottentot ; should we have reason to prove, that their intelligence is on a par with that of the idiots of Rockwood, or have cause to declare as our conscientious conviction, and well grounded belief, that their component parts on the whole, for their position and field of action, are altogether inferior to those which adorn and qualify the monkey in his sphere.

No, gentlemen, not at all ; but simply because in our anxiety to do them justice, we are half inclined to believe that there are not to be found in the whole vocabulary of the English tongue, terms sufficiently expressive to convey a correct idea of the *Gentleman*, or sufficiently appropriate to paint in deserving colours the vulgar nature of their influence, its bastard origin and damnable effects on the present generation.

Nevertheless, we will proceed, for we are thoroughly convinced that the day has long since arrived in this county when it behoves all honest men who pride in the welfare of their country, the stability of her institutions, and the morality of her people, to examine with care, and to weigh, with precision the daily actions and the bombastic professions of this Sandfield crew, those political baboons who would dictate to us with more than Roman tyranny, and Russian insolence the principles we should profess, and the policy we