

so was all the rest. With respect to the fact stated, of 80*l.* being demanded for the discharge of every seaman from the navy, nothing could be more unfounded. The truth was, that 80 pounds certainly was demanded for the discharge of an able seaman; but in proportion as the ability and usefulness of the man diminished, so did the sum required for his discharge. For instance, an ordinary seaman paid but 60*l.*, and a land man but 40*l.*; and if these men became invalided, and were only employed in harbor duty, this demand was diminished one half. And again, where they were unfit for service, they were not alone discharged without fee, but received a pension for the remainder of their lives. (Hear!) If the sailors in his majesty's service were not heart-broken before, the base libel which the noble lord had that day attempted to throw on their character and honor, was sufficient to effect that object, had the noble lord maintained so much authority over them as he did in former times—a circumstance which, happily, there was much reason to doubt. The noble lord had talked also of corruption, and had said that promotions could only be obtained by means of corruption and parliamentary influence. He would ask the noble lord, if his promotion was the effect of corruption?—(Hear, hear, hear!) Was the red ribbon which was given to him, for the first time to a man of his rank, the effect of parliamentary influence?—(Hear, hear!) And was the promotion of many other men whom he could name, if it would not be in some degree invidious, to be attributed to such an unworthy cause? It was easy, however, for the noble lord to talk in generals, but let him name who had received the wages of corruption, or who had given them.—(Hear, hear!) The right honorable gentleman having made some further reprobatory comments upon the resolution of the noble lord, concluded by expressing a hope that if the noble lord dared to press it to a division, that the house would leave him in such a minority as would prove the indignation with which it was regarded by the house.

Mr. Lockhart entreated the noble lord to withdraw a resolution inconsistent with the character which his lordship had always borne, and so hostile to every feeling