

examiner of weights and measures to send in a return to this Club, of the number of weights from a quarter of an ounce to a pound, and from a pound upwards, the number of measures from a gill to a peck, and from a peck upwards—he examined during the time of his continuance in office, and also a correct account of the number of times he visited the different Grog shops, and such other places as weights and measures are used, agreeable to an Act in such case made and provided. Motion agreed to.

Mr. Rusticus moved, seconded by the Highland Chief, that a select Committee be appointed to draw up an address to the proper authorities, praying that no Quest-men or Examiners of weights and measures be appointed from among the members of the opposition Club, as it is incompatible with the honor and dignity of that Body, to hold such petty situations. Ordered, that Messrs. Pinder, Pepper and Rusticus be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. Pinder moved seconded by Mr. Pepper, that a Committee be appointed to investigate the Books and conduct of the Commissioners under the little debt Act through the Island, with power to send for and examine persons respecting their proceedings, and that all such Commissioners be notified to attend at the Club Room on Tuesday the 12th day of June next.

Mr. Plutus said it was unfair that Mr. Rusticus should take this Club so by surprise; why not postpone his motion until he saw Mr. Kildare and the Lord of the Isles in their places? as he expected their return in a very short time, he would move as an amendment that the Club adjourn for half an hour. On the division there appeared for the amendment Mr. Plutus, the Major, Mr. Ap Shenkin, Mr. Futtock, Prince Bob, Mr. Justice Bee, and the Captain. Against it 3—so the amendment was lost. The question being then put on the original motion it was carried by a majority of one, and Messrs. Pinder, Pepper, and Rusticus appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. Pepper moved, seconded by Mr. Pindar, —that the Secretary of the Temperate Society be notified to send in a return to this club, on or before the 12th day of June, of the number of males and females that joined that society since its formation—the number of members expelled—the additional quantity of liquor drank by the members since they joined the society; to what they ever did previously in the same period of time; what money any of them saved by saying they kept no liquor in their houses; and the number of members that have been seen on the streets in a state of inebriety.

Mr. Bumble Bee said, he thought such societies should not be tolerated by this Club, as it was nothing short of a combination against their funds.

The Doctor differed widely from his friend Mr. Bumble Bee, he thought such societies would be the means of increasing their funds

in a very great degree, and eventually supercede the necessity of any advalorum duty, for such is human nature when once there is a restraint on the passions or appetites, will not the desire prevail over the restraint imposed on the members of that society and induce them to violate its rules? and when once a member infringes them he must fall in the scale of society from the station he previously held, and consequently become reckless of all sense of shame. When a person joins that society he cannot be considered a free man, and to illustrate the value of liberty, he would relate an anecdote he read some time since.—A citizen of Naples arrived at the age of three score years, without having the curiosity of once passing the gates of the city; the King heard of the singular circumstance, and decreed that this person should not leave the city on pain of death, which preyed so much on his mind that he shortly afterwards died of grief." Returns ordered.

Mr. Pinder moved, seconded by Mr. Rusticus, that the Clerk be ordered to inform Captain Fox, that unless he immediately resign his military situation, this Club will not allow Mr. Ap Shenkin to introduce another resolution for the express purpose of attaching a salary to his civil one. Ordered accordingly.

Mr. Pepper moved seconded by Mr. Pinder, that Mr. Rory and Mr. Flummery be paid for writing resolutions, &c. &c. for this Club, at the Clerks rate of pay, one shilling for every hundred words.

Mr. Rory said, don't let that be pass Mr. President, or I'll be all ruin, I'll not get one suspension, you might just so well send me to the big shail hoose at once. The question was then put and lost.

Prince Bob asked leave of absence for a few days.

Mr. Ap Shenkin sincerely hoped that leave might not be granted, as it would be necessary to have his vote to carry a motion he intended to submit for the consideration of this Club when in Committee of Supply unless he could assign very substantial reasons.

Prince Bob said his business was very urgent, he wanted to see if the herrings had scooled in the bay—he also trusted the Club would not discontinue his pay as he would leave his proxy with his honorable colleague the President.—Leave granted.

Mr. Pinder said, from the frequent mistakes that occur in the Messenger delivering the wrong letters and papers in consequence of not being able to read, he would move that the Messenger be ordered to procure a cloak with eighteen outside pockets, and to have each member's name labeled in large letters across the different pockets, to be alphabetically arranged down his body, from Ap Shenkin to Weathercock, to be called the "Club's letter bag cloak;" and this club will make good the expence.

Mr. Ap Shenkin would second the motion with pleasure, but he would much rather see a

plan proposed that would cloak their mistakes, although he had got where he always aspired to, head man of the Club. *Mr. Weathercock* liked the proposed plan very much, as it would gain the Club some respect, and the messenger would have a very imposing effect on going thro' the Charlotte-Town streets, dressed in his livery; but he could not see why he (Mr. W.) was to be put at the very heels of the messenger, he could tell them he represented as respectable an interest as any member of that club. He thought it was nothing but fair to draw lots for their respective stations on the messengers's body.

Mr. Pindar could tell the member who had just sat down, that it was from his constant rattling and turning, that he had fallen from the station his name would indicate he once held, to the very tail of the messenger: he (Mr. W.) said, he represented as respectable an interest as any member of the club, but how did he obtain the confidence of that interest? why sir, by entering into solemn pledges which he has since violated—he has betrayed the trust confided to him, and truckled the interest he represents to his own private use and advantage; if he was even trampled into the dust, it would only be his deserts; when a man forfeits his word, he forfeits all claim to respect, and certainly is not worthy of representing any interest.

Mr. Rory said, they ought to get podlocks for all the pockets, he seed some guid us at Denny Riddins—we could keepet all our papers safe; he lost his memorandum of expences, and never seed it agin 'till he seed it in the British Merrycane.

The question was put and carried without a division.

At this moment, a message was announced from head quarters, and read at the bar of the club, as follows:—"On your rising to-day, it is your Master's will and pleasure that you should adjourn until the second Tuesday in June, then to meet for the despatch of business."

Mr. Pepper hoped all the Commissioners would be punctual in their attendance, with their books prepared, on the day appointed, as the Committee would only have a week to examine them, and all returns ordered previous to the meeting of the Supreme Court, when undoubtedly the proceedings of the Court would occupy the whole attention of the Club.

The Doctor said, as he saw a number of members apparently very anxious to have their stomachs replenished, particularly Mr. Flummery, whom he observed looking at his watch thirty times within the last half hour, he would move an adjournment.

Mr. Flummery seconded the motion, and the Club accordingly adjourned until the second Tuesday in June next.

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