

but latterly things became so public, and his plans so often discovered, and held up to ridicule, that for his part he was afraid to speak his mind as formerly, he therefore would not wish that any reporter be employed except the clerk, who could put things in a shape fit to go before the world. At present there was no safety—he would be not at all surprised if their present proceedings were to appear in the British American, tho' they had closed doors. He still felt sore and hippish from some remarks made last week in that 'scandalous and blackguard paper,' from which nothing can now escape; and as it goes to our agent, he thought we must cut rather a ridiculous figure in England. He therefore moved that it be countermanded, for Sir, said he, 'the truth must not be told at all times.' As to pay, he would take it and as much more as he could get; but he was surprised to hear gentlemen talk of want of funds, when so much land was at their disposal: for his part he intended to get the contracts for the new roads, and to become a deputy collector of land tax, now that his agency had failed;—he must confess that he liked the Captain's plan of turning the bodies of Proprietors to some account; Members had to be sure, blackguard him for the notice he put on the order book, but he did not care what came of it, now as it answered his purpose, which was merely to get again into favour in another quarter which he had lately very inconsiderately abused, and for which he was now ready to apologize 'as a gentleman.' Pindar observed that if all they said ever came before the public, they must look very ridiculous; although the question was the appointment of a reporter: yet scarcely had the debate began, when members flew off *à la tongue* to talk of their own pay and consistency. With regard to the latter word, he thought they should consult 'Bailey's dictionary' for its meaning, and not their own speeches on journals, more particularly on the subject of pay. His friend Plutus, the Major, Weathercock, and a few others, had always spoke against it, until last year when they thought it was in danger, then they all shewed their consistency. — Mr. Plutus however, had formerly a hope of a seat in another house, but as the 'bright dream was gone,' was like his learned friend Bumble-bee, thought it no mortal sin to break s<sup>ch</sup> pledges.—He, (Mr. Pindar) did not object to members being moderately paid, but thought some might say less of consistency; his friend Mr. Ap Shenkin had always been consistent, in endeavoring to hoodwink others, and gain his own ends: and he was not surprised that he should wish to become a deputy collector of Land-tax, or highwayman, as, if the spoil was divided among these officers and their lawyers, it would amount to something handsome. He would

not go into detail in the present instance, as he intended to submit a motion on the subject; but he heard that instead of all lots in arrear being put into one brief, separate retainers, &c. were demanded on each, though by the law as it now stands, no costs were in his opinion due until judgment was obtained: and he (Mr. Pindar) thought, if any one went to the Treasurer ten days previous to the next term, and tendered his tax, it scarcely would be refused. He was informed that up to the time of judgment obtained against a town lot, (the assessment of which is 2s.) under the present system, costs to the amount of 3*l.* 8s 6*d* cury. would be demanded. He therefore was surprised at the anxiety of Mr. Ap Shenkin to procure such a post. He was sorry he had so much digressed; he therefore begged to remind them that the question before the Club was the appointment of a reporter.

Mr. Joe Foothook moved the following amendment, which was carried by a majority of one.—That no person be present at our debates except our royal printer, and the other great officers of the club; and that the clerk be directed to report such parts only as are fit for the public eye—and not give them *verbatim* as formerly practised by the British American; and that the clerk be also instructed to point out precedents, and explain sentences to such members as cannot understand them.

Mr. Pindar proposed Mr. Rusticus as a member of this club, which after much opposition from Messrs. Ap Shenkin and Foothook, was carried by a large majority. Adjourned to Monday, April 15.

For the British American.

MR. WHITE—Sir, it is with peculiar attention, and with no small degree of satisfaction, I have lately perused the columns of your interesting Paper, which, (although yet in its infancy) will, I sincerely trust, increase and flourish; and like the genial rays of the Sun, at this season of the year, will extend its benign influence, thereby dispelling the clouds of ignorance, at the same time bringing low, even to the ground, the haughtiness and insolence of those individuals amongst us; wh<sup>y</sup>, by some means or other have managed to creep out of that sphere of life, in which their forefathers walked, and who seem to have forgotten their original obscurity.—And here Sir, I wish it to be understood, that I by no means despise that individual, who by honest industry and perseverance, has accumulated property, and has risen in the world—on the contrary Sir, such a character is to be esteemed, and is deserving of great credit; but when we see certain characters assuming that haughtiness of spirit, and possessing that intolerable pride and domineering manner, it is high time Sir, that such should receive a check.—

But fearing Mr. White, that I am digressing from my subject, I will refer to the British American, and would beg leave to state, that I cannot coincide with that *Mushroom Gentleman*, who is pleased to style your paper scurrilous, &c.—on the contrary, I view the British American, as every candid mind must, viz: a useful and independent vehicle—useful, because it affords each individual in this community an opportunity, which he never properly before enjoyed, viz: that of making known his sentiments on various subjects, and independent, because it fears not the frowns and calumny of haughty usurpation—such are my sentiments on this subject.—I trust that you will fearlessly persevere in that independent track, which you have hitherto pursued, and the British American, yet but a small star, will ere long, become a great luminary, the lustre of which will shed forth enlivening rays of useful knowledge. In the mean time.

I remain

Your &c.

P. Q.

For the British American.

The following dialogue took place a few days since in the neighbourhood of Queen-Square, between two of that Honourable Body '*The Troop*' but as it might appear invidious to mention names, I will designate the gentlemen: as the great B and little B.

Little B. So you see my friend, we still continue to be called by that infernal name '*The Troop*.'

Great B. [Half corn'd & hickuping.] *Tut, tut, never mind it man; depend upon it [another hickup] before our next meeting it will be quite forgotten.*

Little B. Well! well! I hope so; but I am constantly reminded of it by some of my constituents; and I am afraid, from what is said, that the name will descend to our remotest posteriors.

Great B. Oh! as for that it matters not, for I fear we have done enough to immortalize ourselves already; but, come man, let us go and have what we were talking about, and do not revive our misdeeds.

Little B. Well! I hope God will forgive us. Let's toss up for it. What do you call?

Great B. Heads!

Little B. It's tails: you're lost!  
[Ejected into JONAS's back door for half a pint.]

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