

ly and give their opponents at least something tangible to encounter. As a body of men placed in a public situation, and having the public as their Judges, the House of Assembly are, I grant, to be judged according to their deserts, and are a fair subject of censure if their actions deserve it; but that censure should be from the proper quarter in the shape of complaints or representations from their constituents: or if the public papers must be resorted to, let the people set themselves up as the censurers of other men's conduct, do it openly and fairly, not in the despicable and mean way that they have hitherto had recourse to.

As for Crito, he has, I am glad to say, shewn more spirit than the rest of his despicable associates, he has at least produced a charge of some consistency, and as he appears to be a man of some talent, I hereby defy either him or his barefaced meddling legal friend, to produce any solid or substantial proofs of the facts further than common rumour, his said legal friend will tell him that every person is innocent till the contrary is fully and satisfactorily proved, therefore, I call upon him to produce his facts and proofs, and I hereby pledge myself to give him an answer to his perfect contentment. I am not prepared to say that even if Crito can produce full proof of his assertion, which he cannot, but that the fancied irregularity he declaims about is quite constitutional and justified by the custom of Parliament; but more of that at the proper time. In the meanwhile I would say to Crito, that he had much better have kept himself in his natural sphere, and confined his observations to his former scurrilous trash, if he is, as I suspect he is, one of the party that fill your columns with such nonsense, and of which he is, no doubt, a worthy member,

I am, Sir, Yours &c. &c.

VINDICATOR.

Charlotte-Town, April 15,

For the British American.

CLUB ROOM, April 15.

This evening the Club met pursuant to adjournment, on motion the Club resolved itself into a committee of Supply.

Joe Futtock in the chair.

The President said, he was glad to see such a full attendance of Members this evening, as the all-important business of dividing the spoil was to come before them; and he trusted they would still continue to discharge the trust confided to them with the same independence and disinterestedness that had always characterized their proceedings.

The first question that would come under their consideration, would be to fix the salary of the Treasurer of this club. He thought we ought to make it as large as our resources would allow, for two reasons: the first

Sir, is, because he is an influential member of the opposition club, which has a great controul over us, and may at some future time be the means of gaining his interest to our views,—the other is, because he is empowered by a resolution you introduced, to appoint deputies in different parts of the Island; and as “one good turn deserves another,” in all probability we may have a comparative benefit conferred on ourselves, as he saw a number of members anxious to offer their observations, he would conclude by saying, that he would support the largest sum any member might propose. Before the President had half finished the last sentence, half a dozen members were on their legs, apparently very desirous to offer their opinions; and some very indecorous though parliamentary discussion occurred, when the Chairman called order, and said, while he presided, it was his duty on principle to keep order and have all matters discussed calmly and constitutionally, notwithstanding the anxiety honorable members may feel on this question. Mr. Futtock continued,—as this honorable Club had always paid the greatest respect to his suggestions, on principle and invariably adopted them, he would beg leave to suggest the propriety of fixing the salary of our worthy Treasurer at 450*l.* (hear, hear,) which can be moved by any honorable Member, as the situation he held as chairman precluded him from submitting a motion to that effect; however he would not lose this opportunity to conciliate so important a personage, by letting him know his opinion “fearlessly and independently”—he considered the rights and liberties of the people paramount to every other consideration; but from the sound and logical arguments advanced by the President, he thought the sum fixed should not be less than 450*l.*

Mr. Pindar rose with some degree of warmth, and said, he believed the Chairman was more out of order than any other member of the club, in endeavoring to pawn his suggestions on them in the unconstitutional manner he had done, he would tell him, it was the first time he ever saw a chairman make a speech on the subject matter of debate; he thought the members had sense enough to act for themselves without his schooling. He did not see why he (Mr. Futtock) should have the credit of naming the sum, as he had done quite enough for himself since he became a member of that club; it was not long since he was plain Mr. Futtock, and now we see such handles to his name as I. P., C. S. D., C. R., S. C. C., C. I., and though last not least M. P.; he was not prepared to say whether the sum was too large or too small, but he hoped honorable members would not be influenced by his remarks, although they might be given on principle in his own way.

Mr. Ap Shenkin was surprised at Mr. Pindar, for supposing that any of the mem-

bers of this club could be unjustly influenced by our worthy chairman, to whom many of his brother members are indebted for the situations they hold, and to whom we owe the introduction of the resolution empowering our Treasurer to appoint deputies. He thought we ought to adopt his suggestion at once, or even make it larger than the sum suggested, in opposition to the opinions of members that he heard in private, that 250 or 300*l.* would be adequate to the duties of the office. He would therefore beg to propose that the sum of 500*l.* be fixed for the salary of the treasurer of this club: it will have in addition to the arguments advanced by the President and Chairman the effect of turning the tide of emigration towards our shores, when it is publicly known in the mother country that we can afford to grant salaries here as large as they do in the Colonies, with ten times our resources. (Hear, hear.)

The Doctor would second the motion of his honorable friend with great pleasure.—When he came that night, he intended to have spoken fully on the subject, but there had been so much said to the purpose by the previous speakers, (hear, hear,) that there was very little left for him to say. The ministry of England has achieved one of the greatest political victories ever recorded in history, and completely shut up the floodgates of corruption. [which happy effect must undoubtedly be attributed to the bright idea which induced Lord John Russell to adopt their election bill as a model for the reform bill so highly lauded;] and still we see them as liberal in their pay and pension votes as their predecessors were, and why should we not imitate the example of such great patriots? (hear)—and God's mercy man, has'nt Lord Chesterfield told us that we should always pay a public man more for his services than they are worth. ✓

Mr. Rory would wish to be till, if there be plenty monies for pay, the members, after pay this mon —

Mr. Ap Shenkin said, the hon. gentleman might rest quite satisfied, for if there was any deficiency, he would soon make the proprietors make it good. (Cheers.)

Mr. Pepper could not see why the salary of the Treasurer should be increased to the proposed amount, even if he had the extra trouble of appointing deputies; he trusted that members would pause before they agreed to the motion before them, although these were the days of liberty and reform, he was at a loss to know on what principle of justice this club could vote a salary to its treasurer, equal in amount to the salary received by his Majesty's representative in this Island, when he was graciously pleased to grant it a constitution, and for many years after, as documents on the table can testify; but if the club were determined on voting away 500*l.* a year,