

Mr. Blackie had now to propose a toast which he was sure would afford them all much pleasure—he was quite convinced that a more upright, honourable or industrious man, or a better Reformer, never took his seat in St. Stephen's.—“The health of Mr. Ross of Rossie.”

Mr. Ross.—I have had the proud satisfaction of being received among you this day in a manner almost unparalleled in the history of elections—(loud cheers)—certainly of Scottish elections; for I am sure that the exhibition of this day was such as would have done credit to Aberdeen, had the King himself come to visit you. Like every thing else which you do, it was magnificent. I have also the distinguished satisfaction of appearing here this afternoon in the twofold capacity of your guest and of representative of those whom I can really call my constituents. I am not, however, so vain as to suppose that this weight of honour can be viewed by me as a mark of personal merit, or to think that it could have originated in any thing else than the interest you take in the great cause of reform. I trust that my voice shall never be found but on the side of justice, freedom, and the general welfare of mankind. (Loud cheers.) Allow me to return you my sincere thanks, and to say that the remembrance of the events of this day will only cease with my existence. (Tremendous cheers.)

Mr. Blackie had now to crave a bumper to the hon. Member for Forfarshire, Mr. Maule. “The best of landlord's, the patron of every patriotic undertaking, and the steady and persevering friend of civil and religious liberty.” Drank amid great cheering.

Mr. Maule rose to return his very grateful thanks for the honour which had been done him. He had come here this day to read a lesson of liberty and independence to the Magistrates of Aberdeen, (cheers,) to the heads of a corporation whose only boast can be that they have at all times, and under all circumstances, given their support to the most profligate administrations. (Cheers and laughter.)

Mr. Blackie craved a flowing bumper to the health of “Sir Michael Bruce.” (Great cheering.)

Sir Michael Bruce.—Gentlemen, I ascribe the kind reception which you have given to this toast, partly to your hospitality, and partly to the unison of our sentiments in the great cause of reform. It is true that I did attempt to lend my aid to the freedom of our country, and to assist the march of independence to the best of my ability. I am only sorry that I did not succeed in my endeavours, and that so many people of talent and respectability should seem to prefer their own privileges to the good of their country. I return you my most sin-