

in procession, accompanied by the music, to Castle Street, where they gave three cheers for the King, and other three for the Bill, and then dispersed in great order, and in perfect silence.

COUNTY ELECTION.

ON Wednesday, the 18th ult., the election of a Member of Parliament for Aberdeenshire took place in the Court-House. By ten o'clock, a considerable number of people appeared here and there in Castle Street, and by eleven a large crowd had collected. On the appearance of the carriage of Sir Michael Bruce, the popular candidate, a great number of the crowd unyoked the horses and drew him into the town, amid loud acclamations. The election commenced a little past twelve o'clock, but on the appearance of Captain Gordon, the former member, such an uproar arose as defies description. It was in vain that the Sheriff attempted to restore order—the Bribery Act was read in dumb show. On Captain Gordon proceeding to take the chair, as Parliamentary Commissioner, he was assailed by a multitude and variety of epithets, that would stain the foulest page in the history of elections. As the votes were given alternate shouts and groans were the expressions of satisfaction or resentment, and on the majority (of 43) being declared for Captain Gordon, the uproar was redoubled. Groans, yells, and noises, of "every kind of beasts and birds" were raised, and every kind of insulting expressions used. After waiting with the utmost composure for some time, the gallant Captain found it impossible to be heard. Sir Michael Bruce then rose and said, with some degree of warmth, that such conduct towards Captain Gordon was taken by him (Sir Michael) as if it were directed against himself. The honourable member then rose and bowed, but this was only the signal for additional uproar, and he then took up his hat. On this Sir Michael Bruce sprang across the table and joined him. The freeholders then retired, the two candidates and many of their friends retiring to the lobby of the Court-House. In the meantime the crowd in the inside had joined those in the street, and a dense mass of people waited opposite the Court-House door, uttering the most violent threats against the honourable member, and cheering and hissing the

several freeholders as they retired, according as they had given their votes. Captain Gordon in the meantime had retired, unobserved, by the Council-Chamber door. Sir Michael Bruce crossed to the Athenæum amid the acclamations of the crowd, who, on observing his carriage passing, followed it, and after the horses had been unloosed at the coach-house, they set off with the carriage, with a banner flying, bearing the word "Reform." Sir Michael, about four o'clock, being observed at Union Bridge, arm-in-arm with a friend, the coach and its retinue were speedily on the spot, and Sir Michael, unable to get clear of the multitude, humoured them by getting into the carriage, which they dragged along the principal streets of the city. The crowd continued to saunter about Castle Street, cheering Sir Michael's friends as they went into the New-Inn to the dinner. As it grew late the crowd increased, and a portion of them proceeded to break the windows of several gentlemen who had become obnoxious to them. Mr Fraser's windows, in Marischal Street were severely damaged; several panes were broken in the house of Mr Crombie of Phesdo, the Lord Provost, and Mr Gordon of Newton. The last mentioned gentleman had voted for Sir Michael Bruce; but the crowd had attacked his house in consequence of a gentleman, who had left Mr Crombie's house, having been followed and seen to enter it. A considerable number of the special constables, however, soon turned out, and before eleven o'clock succeeded in restoring order.

At 5 o'clock on the day of the election, Sir Michael Bruce and his friends, to the number of upwards of one hundred, dined together in the New Inn. Sir Michael was supported on the right by Sir William Seton of Pitmedden, Bart., and Mr Forbes of Blackford; and on his left by General Hay and Fraser of Lovat. Sir John Forbes of Craigievar, Bart., acted as croupier at the centre of the table, and William Moir, Esq. of Park, and William Urquhart, Esq. of Craigston, at the other tables, supported by Captain Leith, R.N., Mr Mansfield of Midmar, Mr M'Pherson Grant, younger of Ballindalloch, Mr Morison, younger of Auchintoul, Mr Forbes of Echt, Colonel Skene, Mr Gerrard of Midstrath, &c.

After the removal of the cloth, the Chairman, Sir Michael Bruce, begged a