

Mr. GRIFFITHS'S

REMARKS,

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UPON THE

LETTER,

SIGNED

GEORGE CUMBERLAND.



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R E M A R K S,

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“ All ha’n’t Brains as large as those
“ Which a Calf’s head does inclose,”

RABELAIS.

—IS a motto that must apologize for my inadequate ability to contend, by means of the Press, with the vaunting Author of a Letter addressed to me, with the name of GEORGE CUMBERLAND subscribed.

This curious and flimsy Work, is full of Absurdity, Falsehood, and Scurrility,—
terms

terms very applicable to the dastardly Author, whose pitiful design, the Letter itself sufficiently exposes: Inſomuch, that I do not feel myſelf induced to humour the Three-penny Writer with any other notice of it, than by a ſhort declaration, to diſarm him of his baſcleſs and affectedly pathetic Story of NORTH, the Bricklayer.

By his Report, it would ſeem that I had wantonly diſturbed this man's family, by going to his Hut, in a hard froſt, and with threats, endeavoured to force them from thence into the Snow: It would ſeem that this was my firſt viſit to them; and that they were eſtabliſhed in their poſſeſſion according to law.

I therefore declare, that at a time when this man was occupying a very comfortable Houſe, on *Englefield-Green*, from whence, as the ſeaſon was ſeverely cold, there was no hazard of his being driven, he choſe to attempt to erect a Houſe upon the Common, directly upon the footway between one of my gates and my next neighbour's garden, without

without the consent of the Lord of the Manor, or of the Inhabitants adjoining.— I opposed this attempt *so early as when he was clearing the surface of the ground.*

Mr. SECKER, my Solicitor, at *Windsor*, was employed to warn him from proceeding to occupy that spot, so as to obstruct my way; and in short, the man was frequently desired to retire from his design, before, and immediately after, that he had set some detached posts in the ground.—By this time it became rumoured, that he was only the Agent of some other Person.

At length he removed his Family, in the hardest Frost, from the House at *Englefield Green*; and it is not doubted, from the well-known humanity of its owner, that his quitting it, during that inclement season, was *voluntary, and to place them in a Hut in a very exposed state.*

It was then become impossible for me to act against the Building; and from the moment when I saw the Family therein, I
contented

contented myself with advising them to endeavour to get the consent of the Inhabitants, to their settling upon a less objectionable piece of waste : I found them one day perfectly disposed to adopt my advice ; I was told of a tract they had made choice of, but I refused to hear any description of it, because as I deemed it sufficient that they asked the consent of the adjacent Inhabitants, I would not be said, or thought, to have placed them in an objectionable spot.

The next time I saw NORTH, I found he had changed his mind, and would not remove. I thought I had discovered the cause,—and the Letter addressed to me, now avows that it was GEORGE CUMBERLAND, who has, in an officious and secret manner, advised them not to remove at my *sole mandate*.

In the Coffee-Room, I mentioned my suspicion to him, in a manner that could not be misunderstood : He has annexed a Copy of the Letter he wrote to me, *asking* for an
Apology,

Apology, which he says I did not answer.—
 The Gentlemen present in the room, Messrs.
 PEARSON and H. PROCTOR, know, I may
 suppose, that I said enough to him to render
 it *easy* for him to obtain what he terms
Justice; which renders such request as he
 then sent, quite superfluous.

It is plain, that he has preferred his pen;
 and seems to have no ill opinion of his
 skill in flourishing with it. Yet, though
 the hand writing may be his boast, I cannot
 but notice an unnatural *coalition* of styles in
 the *Advertisement*, that speaks in puritanical
 cant of “*Saving Union*,” &c. and in the
Letter, that with envious acrimony, declares
 my “*ponderous mansion oppresses the damp
 clay* ;” because the proprietor is deemed to
 have wealth.

I shall continue to act up to the motto
 of the Arms of my Family, *viz.*

FIDES SPECTATIOR AURO.

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As the political allusions are formed upon a false statement of my expressions, I shall not make any Remarks on them.

HENRY GRIFFITHS.

Old Windsor;

Monday, 27th Feb. 1797.

