

## ELECTIONEERING RATE

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**TO THE FREEHOLDERS**

OF THE

**COUNTY ANTRIM.**

**PRODIGIOUS!!!**

EDMUND PHELPS, *alias* M'DONNELL, is brought forward as a man of *talent*, and qualified to represent the County of Antrim in Parliament.

As a Freeholder of that County, I cannot hear of such an imposition, without both crying and feeling *shame*. Yes, Gentlemen Freeholders—He is a man of *talent*—but as a *music-master*, as a *fiddler*; and if you debase yourselves by allowing such a character even to canvass you, remember in that *House* he has dared to request you would send him to, every man who sees him will acknowledge that *talent*, and remember *its price*!!!—as the wives and sisters to half the Members of the Commons' House have each subscribed their 10s. 6d. to this his *boasted talent*, and many have gone as far as the Guinea, when he staid to sup, and sing his *favourite airs*.

Your neighbouring Counties have *their* Warriors or *their* Statesmen to represent *them*.—Is ANTRIM alone to have her *Fiddler*?

Music may have charms; but it is not by harmonious sounds your representative should display his *talents* in Parliament; and although *Antrim's Countess* may have forgotten what was due to *HERSELF*, ANTRIM'S COUNTY never will.

London, July, 1830.



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