

We stated last week, that Messrs. Brocklebanks' yard had been re-opened, and that the greater part of the persons employed in it had resumed their labour. After the refractory apprentices were bailed, we understand, they sought an interview with the kind master whom they had insulted and outraged, and expressed contrition for their offence, promising to conduct themselves with more propriety for the future—and were forgiven.

On Thursday afternoon, a general meeting of the master ship-builders of the ports of Whitehaven, Harrington, Workington, and Maryport, was held at the Black Lion Inn, in this town, Thomas Hartley, Esq. in the chair; and they unanimously resolved not to employ any man, after the 29th inst. who may be at all connected with the pernicious unions which are so much the order of the day. At the same time, in order to encourage such men who have the courage and good principle to keep aloof from injurious and debasing associations, they advanced the general rate of shipwrights' wages from 2s. to 24s. per week. The latter sum was previously given (by way of inducement) to a few non-unionists by Messrs. Brocklebank; but it is now (the reader will observe by an advertisement elsewhere,) "the general rate of shipwrights' wages in this county." And the masters express an earnest hope "that the shipwrights will not hesitate at once to conform to these resolutions, in order that the shipbuilding business of the county may continue to be conducted with that character and respectability which it has hitherto maintained, and that peace and good order may be at once restored to society."

This is in the true spirit of conciliation and generosity; and who for a moment could have supposed that the men would have been so blind to their own welfare, and the best interests of the trade, as to suffer themselves to be turned aside from the self-evident path of duty? Yet this is precisely the case; and instead of rejecting the pratings of evil-councillors and employing the handsome and honourable offer of their employers, by which they might have pursued their occupations in peace, competency, and comfort, the terms proposed to them have been characterised as most insulting and degrading, and rejected with contempt!

Shipbuilding therefore at this port (and probably at those to the northward) is for the present at a stand, except so far as it is able to be carried on by apprentices, for we are informed there are very few men, if any, who have not entered the Union. Even those who were hitherto employed by Messrs. Brocklebank as unconnected with the confederacy were so incensed at the determination of the master-builders, that no sooner had their resolutions been made public than four of them joined the Union, at an expense to themselves, for admission, of nearly five pounds each man! Every person, we dare say, expected that the generous offer which has been made to them would have been accepted without a moment's hesitation; but call such conduct as the above is perfectly unaccountable in men who have any claim to rationality.— Thus the matter rests for the present; but we hope in the course of a few days the men will see the extreme folly of their proceedings, abandon the Union, and return to the employment of their respective masters.



A GENERAL MEETING of the Ship-Builders of the County of Cumberland, held pursuant to public Advertisement, at the Black Lion Inn, in Whitehaven, on Thursday the 27th Day of October, 1825.

- PRESENT,
- OF WHITEHAVEN:—
 THOMAS HARTLEY, Esq.,
 Messrs. WILLIAM WILSON,
 MUSGRAVE WALKER,
 JOHN BROCKLEBANK,
 RICHARD WHITESIDE,
 JOHN SCOTT,
 T. HAMMOND, junr.,
 ROBERT HARDY,
 BOWES.

- OF HARRINGTON AND WORKINGTON.
 Messrs. WILLIAM PEILE,
 THOMAS PEILE.
 OF MARYPORT.
 Messrs. MICHAEL FALCON, senr.
 MICHAEL FALCON, junr.
 WILLIAM WALLACK.

- OF MARYPORT.
 Messrs. KELSICK WOOD,
 JOSEPH HUDDLESTON,
 ISAAC HIDDLETON,
 THOMAS HARTLEY, Esq. in the Chair.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,
That in consequence of the late tyrannical and disorderly conduct of the Members of the "CUMBERLAND SHIPWRIGHTS' UNION," this Meeting consider it a duty they owe to the Public, the general Interests of Society, and to themselves, to make this PUBLIC DECLARATION.—That from and after SATURDAY the 29th inst. no Shipwright, so long as he shall continue a Member of, or connected with, the existing Union, will be employed by us, or any of us.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,
That all such Men as shall offer themselves for Employment, free from, and unconnected with the Union, will be paid as Wages at the Rate of Four Shillings per Day, which for the present, shall be considered as the general Rate of Shipwrights' Wages in this County. And further, this Meeting earnestly hope that the Shipwrights will not hesitate at once to conform to these Resolutions, in order that the Ship Building Business of the County may continue to be conducted with that character and respectability which it has hitherto maintained, and that peace and good order may at once be restored to Society.

RESOLVED,
That these Resolutions be Published in the County News-pers.
 THOMAS HARTLEY, Chairman.
 Mr. HARTLEY having left the Chair,
 Resolved,
 That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to him for his conduct in the Chair.