

not correspond with the conception this meeting entertains of the original principles upon which the Geological Society was founded.'

The previous question was put, and negatived.

The following amendment was then put :

'That this Society does not consider itself dependent upon, nor subservient to, any other.'

It was negatived.

The original motion being put, passed in the affirmative.

Resolved—agreeably to the words of the second motion, of which notice was given—

'That the propositions communicated from the Right Hon. Charles Greville having a direct tendency to render this Society dependent upon, and subservient to, the Royal Society are inadmissible.'

The following resolutions were then moved and passed in the affirmative :—

Resolved,—

That it has never entered into the contemplation of this Society to impose upon its members the performance of any duties inconsistent with the obligations of those among them who may be Fellows of the Royal Society.

That this Society, deeply and sincerely regretting that any circumstances should have occurred to implicate in the preceding resolutions the name of the Royal Society, cheerfully embrace the opportunity thus accidentally offered, to declare the high respect and deference they entertain toward that learned and scientific body, and their most earnest wish to contribute, in any degree and in proportion to their limited ability, to the welfare and prosperity of the Royal Society.

That these resolutions be printed, and a copy of them transmitted to the President of the Royal Society, and to each of the ordinary members of the Geological Society.

(Approved and signed), G. B. GREENOUGH.

On April 7, 1809, Mr. Greville and Mr. Humphry Davy resigned their memberships ; but it is satisfactory to know that Davy rejoined the Society six years later (1815).

Murchison in his presidential Address in 1842 referred to this episode, and remarked that