

the sun darting his bright rays through a clear sky on the floating banners, on the fair faces and brilliant dresses of beauty, with which every balcony and window was filled. This, together with the music of the bands, mingled with loud huzzas, and the distant report of the carronades, rendered the scene altogether such as had never before been witnessed in Aberdeen. It would be gross injustice not to particularise the services of Mr. Cooke, who arranged and conducted the whole. Mounted on a fiery charger, whose bounds in all directions made way for the procession, which would otherwise have been hemmed in and impeded its progress; his conduct was deserving of the highest praise.

On Mr Ross's arrival at Castle Street, the whole square was lined by the parties composing the procession, and he drove round it several times, bowing to the people, who greeted him with loud and repeated cheers. He then entered the Town-hall, along with the delegates and other gentlemen from the southern burghs. On his entrance, the Lord Provost rose and shook him heartily by the hand, expressing his regret that he had heard he had been unwell, and requested him to take his seat at the table, which he did, having on his left his friend Alexander Blackie, Esq. banker, and on his right Sir M. Bruce, Bart. &c. A few minutes after twelve o'clock, William Carnegie, Esq. Town Clerk, proceeded to open the business of the meeting, by reading the precepts of the several Sheriffs in whose jurisdiction the five burghs are situated, &c. He then proceeded to receive the votes of the delegates, when Provost Hadden, as presiding delegate, gave the first vote in favour of Mr. Ross. The other delegates having successively given their votes in the same manner, Provost Hadden, as Preses of the meeting, rose and declared Horatio Ross, Esq. of Rossie, duly and unanimously elected, and cordially shook the new member by the hand, in which he was followed by the other delegates, and all the friends of Mr. Ross who could get within his reach. The Hall now resounded with cheers, which were re-echoed by the immense multitude in the street. The Hon. Member then addressed the meeting, in a short but comprehensive and manly speech, in which he disclaimed any alliance with those who demanded universal suffrage, vote by ballot, and annual Parliaments, and

declared his determination to support his Majesty's Ministers in carrying through a Reform Bill similar to that lately brought forward. He concluded by saying, "Once more, Gentlemen, accept my grateful thanks. I can assure you that I have now but one wish—that of proving by my conduct that I am not undeserving of the honour you have this day conferred upon me."

After a few minutes the Meeting separated; the crowd which had waited without in the most orderly manner, now resumed their acclamations. Mr Ross then went to the Royal Hotel, and shortly after spoke a few words to the assembled multitude from one of the windows, which were received with loud and continued cheering. The crowd then gradually dispersed, the Trades marching in order to their various rendezvous, where they finally dismissed. The day, which was one of the finest in the season, was now spent in cordial greetings and social mirth, and the night, to the credit of the city, passed in perfect harmony and peace.

At five o'clock the gentlemen of the Reform Committee, and other gentlemen who had gone along with them, having invited Mr Ross and his friends to a public dinner in the County Rooms, in celebration of his election as member for the city, the same took place at five o'clock, when about 200 gentlemen were present; Alexander Blackie, Esq. in the chair, supported on his right by Mr Ross of Rossie, Provost Paton of Montrose, Provost Speid of Brechin, and Mr Carnegie of Craigoe; and on the left by the Hon. William Maule of Panmure, M.P., Provost Kay of Arbroath, Sir Michael Bruce of Stenhouse and Scotstown, Bart., and Mr Chalmers of Auldbar. Mr Forbes of Echt acted as croupier at the centre table, and Sir John Forbes of Craigievar, Bart., and Mr Burnett, younger of Leys, at the other tables, supported by Sir Wm. Seton of Pitmedden, Bart., Mr Kilgour of Woodside, Mr Urquhart of Craigston, Mr Forbes of Springhill, Mr Pirie of Cotton, Mr Farquharson of Finzean, Mr Gerrard of Midstrath, Mr Ramsay of Mennie, Captain Doyle, Captain T. Ramsay, &c. &c. The gentlemen of the Reform Committee occupied conspicuous places at the tables, so as to pay every attention to the comfort of the party, and particularly to the numerous and distinguished strangers from