

But that was all before the Reform Bill passed a *second reading*, which was more than the books I have been above alluding to ever did. I however, cannot carry this rule to "*the old extent*;" nor, although it may have, in some measure, like other rights which you will afterwards hear of (if your mobility has sixpence to spare, and inclination to read my book, of which last I have little doubt,) acquired the title of "*vested rights*," do I offer it any "equitable adjustment;" partly because I conceive that none is due, and partly because I am afraid to hurt the old rule's dignity; in which last respect you will find a considerable difference between an old rule, and certain freeholders to whom you will be afterwards introduced,—that is always, if you have sixpence to spare, and inclination to read my book.

Also, may it please your Raggedness, I have another reason for dedicating to you this very clever book: for, as in the state of "anarchy and confusion" which is to succeed the passing of the Bill, the half-penny of society will be tossed in the air, and as there is a considerable probability that, when it falls, tails will be uppermost, I, may it please your Pitch and Toss-ship, choose to bet upon tails.

I have no doubt that your Mobility, which has always been designated "the generous public," and to the sympathy of which I recommend certain sheep-skins now about to be closely shorn, and to which I will afterwards allude, when you know that my "*valued rental*" is not to be