

no steam engines then. We know that the staple commodity of the whole country was its black cattle; and we know now that it is a debatable point whether this country is at present more dependent on its agriculture or its manufactures. Could this have been debated in 1707?

There are many other arguments, and many other facts, which could be brought forward against you; but I have preferred treating the matter thus generally and briefly, because I have little time to spare, and because I know that men's minds are made up on the subject, and that completely against you.

I do not, however, blame you for making the assertion, because, taking your assertion for granted, you conclude that "there should be given an additional number of members for those counties that are the most populous." Aberdeenshire is one of the most populous counties, and ye are of course anxious for an increase of influence in Parliament.

I agree to your 8th resolution in every respect.

I do not agree to your 9th resolution, because the bill, although it alters the elective franchise, does not in any way affect the feudal tenure or the laws of the country. Besides, Gentlemen of the Majority, I cannot understand how the laws and feudal tenures of England and Scotlane "are NECESSARILY as different as the relative position of the two countries, in respect of soil, climate, and capital," for neither you nor I, Gentlemen, know of any law or feudal tenure made or affected by "the relative position of the two countries, in respect of soil, climate, and capital." Neither have the legislators of either