

when he contrived, in the course of his short speech, to describe the reformers and the reform bill in the terms he did, he should have remembered that there were men as good as himself, and who were well known by the public and himself to be reformers, sitting in court with him as his equals, and hearing his speech.

Neither, Gentlemen, have I been disappointed at the result of your meeting. I knew that if the silversmiths of Ephesus thought it right to cry out "Great is Diana of the Ephesians," because "Diana brought no small gain unto the craftsmen," you had equally good reasons for crying, "Great is the Constitution of England;"—besides ye were naturally unwilling "to hurt the root of that venerable tree, under the shade of whose branches you and your ancestors had enjoyed so many peculiar blessings," as one of your speakers observed in his speech.

Gentlemen, I was sorry to observe that those "most notorious demagogues" in the gallery, where I myself was, did not behave as they should have done. I observed, Gentlemen of the Majority, that they seemed to take a malicious pleasure in, by means of hooting, whistling, groaning, and coughing, testifying their public and unanimous opinion that some of you were indulging in what, to use their elegant phrase, is styled "humbug." And I also observed, that while some of you were speaking or voting, the gallery solaced itself with a few horse laughs, the meaning of which I did not exactly understand. I was also, Gentlemen of the Majority, sorry to observe, that the allusion made by the Chairman to Sir Walter Scott having been hissed did not seem to have