

from the vile and scandalous aspersion by their quiet and orderly conduct ; and that all will approach the hustings with as much solemn reverence, sobriety, and decency, as they do the Church. They approach to take a solemn oath in presence of their Almighty Maker, and to perform a duty for which they will be responsible to him—a duty the most awful, as well as most honourable, that they can ever be called upon to perform. As each regards his own liberty of conscience in performing it, so let him respect that of his neighbour ; let there be no sort of altercation, far less strife. As the foul aspersion above-mentioned fell from a member of the Conservative faction, it is probable that if trouble arise it will be on that side ; but let me entreat the Liberal Electors, and all well-wishers of their cause, to despise every provocation that may be offered for exciting disturbance. Finally, my friends and fellow-citizens, let me entreat you to be steady to your purpose. It is a high honour to which the City of Aberdeen is raised—it is a high honour to which the country is elevated—to be allowed to choose its own representatives in the great Council of the nation. Let us not throw away our votes by perpetuating that system of abuse which has sunk us low in the scale of nations, and has been of incalculable disadvantage to the liberty of mankind. Britain stands upon a proud and pre-eminent station, and may do much good. She may be the Beacon—the Pharo light-house, to conduct the nations to liberty, and by an overwhelming majority of right, banish wrong from the earth. What is it that has deluged Europe with blood, but the misrule of its governors ? What is it that has kept the people of so many nations in the shackles of ignorance and slavery, but the corrupt despotism that has oppressed them ? Is it not high time then to burst the fetters ? And how can this be done better than by sending free and independent men to Parliament ?—men who will only support such measures as are for the good of the community ; measures that will render the people free, and extend freedom to the utmost limits of the habitable