

may perhaps lose it by your own misconduct, and permit me to warn you against doing so. If you persevere in a pertinacious opposition to the Bill, if you league yourselves with those who have disgraced their country, if you send a Member to Parliament who will vote against the addition to the number of Scottish Members, you will sacrifice your influence in the most wanton manner—opposition to the Bill is now hopeless—utterly hopeless. There will be, on the lowest calculation, a majority of one hundred members in its favour; it would be preposterous, then, in you, to sacrifice your influence to gratify the prejudices of the adherents of a dissolved ministry, and the obstinacy of rich factors. I trust that you will be careful, then, of your honour and influence, for be assured that every one will see through the lack-a-daisical profession of attachment to Reform which you may make, to cast *glamour* over the eyes of the new voters, and retrieve your lost influence.

Gentlemen, it will never do to pule and whine more about moderate Reform and constitutional Reform; all this means nothing; and if you think with this sop to catch a whale, you are much mistaken. I have never yet met with a moderate Reformer or constitutional Reformer, who could tell me what he meant by these terms, or who could describe what kind of Reform he would grant.

Do not deceive yourselves, our countrymen are beginning to understand, by moderate Reform, no Reform at all, and I do not think they are far mistaken. Professions of moderate Reform, and sending an Anti-reformer to Parliament, will make you lose your influence