

for ever in the country. If you throw it away, surely you cannot value it very highly, and if the Bill deprived you of it, you sustain no loss by losing what you consider of no value.

Now, Gentlemen, as this is the last time you will be called upon to elect a Member in the present close and corporation-like fashion, and as your knight, whoever he may be, will have to stand up for the honour and independence of his country, it becomes you, in such a grave matter, to exercise a prudent discretion. You may rest assured that this is no ordinary contest, no

“Jostling by dark intrigue for place,”

no party strife, where any hurried decision would be ascribed to the influence of the moment. It is more than a contest of opinion, and if you decide in such a way as to exhibit, that you are the bitter opponents of Reform, there will not be wanting those who will esteem you the enemies of your King and country; and I must confess that they will have a very plausible pretext for their opinion. You may rest assured that your countrymen will take note and mark of every man who sells the honour of his country for party spleen, and worthless prejudices, and if you stain yourselves on this occasion, you can never recover yourselves again. It will hang about you till your dying hour, and will corrupt your memory with the honest and the patriotic.

Only two Candidates have started for the representation of the County. The one has already had the honour to represent us in Parliament,—his sentiments are settled—his principles have been avowed—he has been