

have conceded the necessity of a change, and confined his opposition merely to those passages which seemed to go too far. Notwithstanding declarations in favour of moderate Reform—declarations made for the first time, when he was soliciting your suffrages again, he has proved, by his vote, that he does not think Reform necessary. The Bill is the true test by which to try the sincerity of those who profess attachment to Reform, and every one who voted against its second reading, whatever he may determine to do in regard to certain of its provisions, he shows, beyond the possibility of doubt, that he is no friend to Reform. There seems to be something like a climax in your late Member's sinning, as if to prove how staunch an adherent he was to old and inveterate abuses; and to confirm the belief that he had no sympathy with Reform, we find him voting next in favour of General Gascoyne's motion, which went to deny to Scotland a little of its rights. Yes, Gentlemen, he sat patiently, and heard our country traduced, insinuations thrown out against its respectability and dignity, and heard its pretensions scoffed at, and jeered at, and yet, in the meekness of his heart, stamped his approbation on all the abuse and injustice, by voting with these very persons who had vilified his country. Yes, Gentlemen, he voted that night, that Scotland needed not—deserved not an addition to its Representatives. I know not how any one who feels an interest in his country's welfare and honour, can endure the thought of sending back to Parliament a person who allowed himself to vote against the rights of his country. I cannot see what claims Captain Gordon can