

uncompromising enemy of abuse, and a strenuous advocate for the purity of the constitution. In him you will find a Representative of whose conduct you will not be ashamed, and whose Parliamentary career will bear the strictest scrutiny of keen-eyed malice. He comes before you unfettered by party; without his interests bound up with the relics of a dissolved ministry; in the true sense of the word—independent. The only grounds of opposition you can have to him, is his approbation of the Bill; but this, surely, cannot weigh with you a moment, seeing that you have declared yourselves Reformers, and that after all the Bill proposes but a measure of Reform, moderate, indeed, compared with the plans of some. You will do well to remember, that there are radicals and favourers of universal suffrage, and you will find the Bill the only means of securing the country from anarchy and confusion, and change incidents upon the adoption of such measures. The Bill proposes, in truth, but moderate Reform, and if you send Sir Michael Bruce to Parliament, you send one who goes along with you in favour of moderate Reform. Those who speak of moderate Reform, but who do not wish Reform of any kind, may oppose him—they will never do so again with any probability of success. Those who are the enemies of all Reform, and hold the institutions of their Country, and its honour and dignity cheap, compared with the claims of party, may also oppose him, and win themselves what they well deserve, the contempt of the good.

I cannot see how you can consistently or truly do otherwise than return Sir Michael Bruce. Banishing