

the liberal party, boldly avow their intention of throwing open the ports, and admitting grain from every country, at whatever price it can be brought into the market."—On what authority is this statement made? Where, let me ask, does this avowal appear? Have any of the members of the Ministry stated so in their places? or, has it in any way been even demi-officially promulgated? No! but you have the assertion of this anonymous writer, and on his assertion, he calls on you to give credit to a libel on His Majesty's Government, merely to serve an electioneering purpose.

Now the mode of reasoning which I adopt on the subject is this:—I ask myself, Are there no men of ability or of large landed estates in the Cabinet? Are they all mere adventurers, depending for their subsistence on places and pensions? Are their friends and supporters of the same description? Or are there not some of the ablest men, and greatest landed proprietors, in the kingdom, either in the Ministry, or among the adherents of Ministers? Do these men neither know their own interest nor the interest of the country? Do they not know that Agriculture and Commerce are mutually dependent on each other, and cannot exist separately? And having answered all these questions, as I think they must be answered, I add—Such being the case, the Aberdeenshire Agriculturists may sleep perfectly sound amidst the ravings of the Corn Bill alarmists; for if all good qualities are denied to the Whigs, the feeling of selfishness will be readily conceded to them, and selfishness will protect the farmer as well as more noble motives. The private interests of the Whigs, and the interest of Agriculture, are too