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ADDRESS.

THE Committee of Liberal Tenant Farmers, in addressing the Electors on the political interests of the County, desire to inform them of the origin and objects of the Committee.

You are aware that, in February last, it was rumoured that Mr. Fordyce contemplated withdrawing from the representation of the County. In consequence of that rumour, a meeting of liberal electors who took an active part at last election was hastily convened in Aberdeen on 14th February last. That Meeting, at which Mr. M'Combie, of the *Free Press*, was called on to preside, unanimously resolved to solicit Mr. Fordyce to retain his seat (provided he had any intention to the contrary), assuring him, at the same time, that he continued to possess their confidence, and, so far as they believed, that of the County generally.

The Meeting were further of opinion that they ought not to separate without coming to a common understanding regarding the objects of the Liberal party in the County, and the measures to be adopted to give expression politically to the feelings and wishes of tenant voters generally, and to obtain for them that influence in the government of the country, to which, by their social importance, they are justly entitled.

After discussing the political situation, the meeting resolved themselves into a Committee to watch over the Liberal Interests of the County, and agreed that their special objects, forming at once the basis of union among themselves, and the standard for testing the fitness of candidates to represent them in Parliament, should be—(1) the support of Liberal and enlightened principles generally, and particularly with reference to religious tests and the education of the whole people; (2) the Abolition of the Law of Hypothec; (3) the Modification of the Game Laws to the extent of exempting the occupier of cultivated lands, or those authorised by him, from their operation; and (4) the Abolition of the Law of Entail; and the Committee

formally resolved to unite in supporting the candidates who, they believe, earnestly entertain and will support these views.

The Meeting then appointed an Acting Committee to invite the co-operation of Electors favourable to these objects.

When the Reform Bill for Scotland passed the House of Commons, a meeting was called for the purpose of resolving on the steps which should be taken to secure a fitting representative for the second seat assigned to the western district. At this Meeting, on the 19th June last, Mr. M'Combie again presiding, a letter addressed to him by Mr. Fordyce was read, acknowledging the resolutions of the previous meeting, and consenting to stand for re-election. A candidate avowing Liberal principles being thus secured for the eastern division, the Committee proceeded to deliberate as to the candidate they should support for the western division of the County; and, after several members had fully expressed their views both on the general question and on the candidature of Mr. William M'Combie, tenant farmer, Tillyfour, who had been before the electors for nearly two years, it was unanimously resolved "That the Liberal Committee of Tenant Farmers for Aberdeenshire, having duly considered the Address issued to the Parliamentary Electors by Mr. William M'Combie, Tillyfour, are of opinion that he therein expresses clearly and distinctly Liberal and enlightened views on the questions affecting agriculture, education, labour, and the Irish church, and such as are in consonance with those held by this Committee; considering further that Mr. M'Combie, as a tenant farmer, is practically acquainted with the questions affecting land, this Committee deem him a suitable candidate for the representation of Western Aberdeenshire, and therefore resolve to support his candidature with their influence and votes."

The Meeting, considering farther that their views on subjects more specially affecting Agriculture are on the whole well expressed in a pamphlet recently published "On the Representation of the Agricultural Interest in Parliament," deemed it of importance, as tending to promote their objects, to have that pamphlet circulated among the electors.

With the view of securing unity of action between the can-