

CITY ELECTION.

At a numerous and highly respectable Meeting of the **BURGESSES, HERITORS, MERCHANTS, and INHABITANTS** of the City of Aberdeen, held in the Royal Hotel, on Tuesday the Twenty-sixth day of June, 1832—

On the motion of Captain **CARMICHAEL**,

ALEXANDER CROMBIE, Esq. of Phesdo, Advocate, was called to the Chair.

Mr. **JOSEPH ROBERTSON** was appointed Clerk to the Meeting.

Mr. **CROMBIE** stated the objects of the present Meeting, and the great obligations which the citizens of Aberdeen were under to **JAMES HADDEN**, Esq. of Persley, our present much respected Chief Magistrate, and concluded by moving the following Resolutions:—

I. That, as an early dissolution of Parliament is expected, it becomes the duty of the Inhabitants of this City to select a fit and proper person to represent them in Parliament.

II. That this Meeting, from the experience of forty years, reposing the fullest confidence in the abilities, judgment, discretion, and honourable conduct of **JAMES HADDEN**, Esq. of Persley, the present Lord Provost, to whom we are in a great measure indebted for the many improvements which have been effected in the City and Harbour, are of opinion that he is a person eminently qualified to represent this City in Parliament.

III. That, as a Requisition numerous and respectably signed, has been addressed to that Gentleman, soliciting him to allow himself to be put in nomination as a Candidate; this Meeting resolve to send a Deputation respectfully to request that he will comply with their wishes.

IV. That the Deputation consist of the following Gentlemen:—Mr. Webster, Advocate; Mr. Maitland, Merchant; Mr. Henry, Merchant; Mr. Forbes, Merchant; Convener Affleck; Mr. Peter Gill; Mr. Farquharson of Whitehouse; Bailie Young; Bailie Thomson; Capt. Carmichael; Mr. Chalmers, Advocate; along with the Chairman.

These Resolutions were seconded by **CAPTAIN CARMICHAEL**, Union Terrace, and carried with acclamation. The Deputation, along with the Chairman of the Meeting, then left the Hall, and shortly after returned, accompanied by Mr. Hadden. The Chairman stated that the Deputation had waited upon that Gentleman, and that Mr. Hadden had considered it more respectful to the Meeting, as it was more in accordance with his own feelings, to accompany the deputation, than to return an answer by them.

Mr. Hadden then addressed the Meeting as follows:—

"GENTLEMEN,—I feel very sensible of the good wishes and favourable opinion which my fellow-citizens entertain towards me, and I am highly gratified by this mark of your kindness.

"I have passed all my life among you, and have devoted a considerable part of it in directing the improvements of this City and Harbour, and which, I trust, have met with the approbation of the great proportion of the inhabitants.

"It was not my intention to have offered myself as a candidate for the high honour of representing this great city in Parliament, another Gentleman having been brought forward who has had the advantage of so much earlier a canvass by his friends during the course of a year. But as so great a number of highly respectable Electors have in so handsome and kind a manner offered me their support, I feel that I should be wanting in deference to your wishes, if I were to decline allowing myself to be put in nomination; and I shall, if elected, endeavour to discharge my duties as your Representative, to the utmost of my abilities, in promoting what may appear best calculated to advance the interests of this great Empire, and of this City in particular.

"It will, no doubt, be expected that I should state my sentiments with regard to a Reform in the Burgh System. From the alteration which is now to take place in the Elective Constituency of the country I am satisfied a change will also be made in the general system of Burgh Government; and I have no hesitation in assuring you, that I shall be ready to give my support to such efficient and rational measures for that purpose as may be considered most conducive to the welfare and prosperity of the community."

The Meeting then proceeded to choose a Committee for conducting Mr. Hadden's Election, when the following Gentlemen were appointed, with power to add to their number:—

Convener Affleck
William Adam, Advocate
Alex. Anderson, Advocate
Andrew Black of Foresterhill
James Black of Willowbank
James Brebner, Merchant
Alex. Brown, Merchant
Capt. Robert Carmichael, Union Terrace
Robert Catto, Merchant
Alexander Chivas, Advocate
Charles Chalmers, Advocate
Alex. Crombie of Phesdo
Francis Clerihew, builder
George Collie, Merchant
Alex. Copland, Advocate
Professor Cruickshank
John Davidson, Printer
Robert Davidson of Elmfield
John Dickie, Cherryvale
Charles Downie, Druggist
William Duncan, Merchant
John Dunn, Tailor
Robert Duthie of Ruthrieston
James Dyce, Druggist
Robert Dyce, Advocate
William Dyce, M.D.
John Farquhar, Painter
Peter Farquharson of Whitehouse
James Forbes, Merchant
James Forbes, jun. Merchant
Alex. Fraser, Merchant
William Fyfe, Tailor
John Garrow, Manufacturer
William Garrow, Advocate
Alex. C. Geddes, Merchant
James Geddes, Advocate
Alexander Gibbon, Advocate
John Gibb, Engineer
Peter Gill, Watchmaker
James Gordon, Surgeon, Old Aberdeen
James Grant, Advocate
Alex. Hadden, Merchant
Gavin Hadden of Union Grove

Gavin Hadden, jun. Merchant
Thomas L. Hadden, Merchant
Harvey Hall, Merchant
James Hervey, Grandholm
George Henry, Merchant
George Inglis, Merchant
James Irvine, Old Aberdeen
John Kelly, Merchant
John Keith, Tailor
James Lamond of Stranduff
William Laing, M.D.
Robert Ledingham, Advocate
William Leslie of Warthill
William Leslie, Surgeon
James Low, Advocate
George Lyall, Merchant
William Lyall, Merchant
Robert McDonald, Cotton
Peter Macfarlane, Merchant
John Maitland, Merchant
John D. Milne, Advocate
James Moir, M.D.
Collector More
Robert Morice, Advocate
John Charles Ogilvie, M.D.
William Pirie, Merchant
Alex. Rae, Woodside
James Reid, Seedsman
Alex. Robb, Tailor
John Rose, Dee Street
Capt. Scott, R.N.
John Sheed, Manufacturer
Thomas Spald, Bookseller
Alex. Stewart, Merchant
William Stuart, Advocate
Alex. Thomson of Banchory
Charles Thomson, Advocate
George Thomson, Merchant
James Topp, Baker
George Troup, Tailor
William Walker, Merchant
George Watson, Shoemaker
Alex. Webster, Advocate
John Whyte, Merchant
John Young, Merchant

Mr. Chivas Advocate and Mr. Joseph Robertson were appointed joint Secretaries.

On the motion of Mr. **CHALMERS**, Advocate, seconded by **PROVOST BROWN**, the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously voted to the Chairman.

ALEX. CROMBIE, Preses.