

in enforcing a just economy in the public expenditure,—in correcting the abuse, and in amending the defects of our institutions,—in securing the honest and pure administration of home affairs, and a just, vigorous, and pacific conduct of our external relations,—in jealously watching over the liberties of the subject, and cordially maintaining the strength and efficiency of the Government. I pledge myself, in short, if I shall have the good fortune of gaining your suffrages, to go into the House of Commons with a sincere desire, as the Representative of the People, of doing the people's business, abundantly aware that I shall have to seek indulgence for many deficiencies, but solemnly engaged to omit no effort of zeal or industry by which they may be supplied.

I cannot, as yet, pretend to the possession of such information as would justify me in supposing myself a sufficient judge of your local wants, but my opinions and habits will alike dispose me to support such plans as may be calculated to improve your municipal government, or as may, in any other way, be conducive to your interest; and I shall receive, with readiness and gratitude, all suggestions directed to these ends, or to the furtherance of the public good, with which you or any of the inhabitants of your Boroughs may be pleased to favour me.

I hope, in a very short time, to have the honour of personally soliciting your support, when I shall be prepared to offer such further explanation of my sentiments as you may see fit to require.

I have the honour to remain,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

HOLT MACKENZIE.

EDINBURGH, 22, MORAY PLACE,

August 7, 1832.