

majority of the members; by which means, laws have been passed, and taxes levied, for the profit and advantage of the few, at the expense of the many.

“ The Reform Bill will put an end to that evil, by giving to the people the power of electing their own representatives; and no class of his Majesty’s subjects will benefit more by the Bill than the operatives.

“ I rejoice that the operatives were among the foremost to petition for Reform, and that they have now accorded their approbation of the plan submitted by Ministers.

“ I beseech you to continue, by every means in your power, to support the King, his Ministers, and their plan of Reform, against the interested cry of the Universities, and Borough-mongers in England, and of the Freeholders, and self-elected Corporations of Scotland, who are now arrayed against their King, his Ministers, and Reform.

“ As you have resolved to consign your Petition to my hands, in the new Parliament, I shall, with pleasure, present it; and while I am sure, it will be cordially supported by Mr. Ross, the new Representative for Arbroath, Brechin, and Montrose, I shall not consider it honourable to see Mr. Ross supported by the Councils of Aberdeen and Bervie.

“ I remain,

“ Your obedient servant,

“ JOSEPH HUME.

“ Mr. John Cant,  
“ Preses of the Meeting of Operatives of Aberdeen.”

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THE PETITION OF THE WORKING CLASSES,  
TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

*Drawn up agreeably to the spirit of the Resolutions unanimously adopted at the Public Meeting in the Amphitheatre, on the 6th of May, 1831, and approved of by the Committee.*

UNTO THE HONOURABLE, THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED  
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, IN  
PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED,

*The Petition of the Working Classes of Aberdeen and its Vicinity,*  
HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your petitioners, deeply impressed with the necessity of a reform in the representation of your Honourable House, petitioned your Honourable House on the subject in December last; and conceiving that nothing but a thorough reform