

could redress the manifold and deeply-rooted corruptions of the system, your petitioners at that time prayed for annual Parliaments and universal suffrage.

Your petitioners, however, on perceiving that the plan of reform which was brought forward in the last Parliament by his Majesty's Ministers, gave such an extension to the elective franchise, as held out a fair and reasonable security for good government, participated in the universal approbation with which that plan was received by the nation.

Your petitioners, therefore, most earnestly implore your Honourable House, to resist the introduction of any reform measure, of a less efficient character than the one submitted to the consideration of the late House of Commons.

As your petitioners will, from the class to which they belong, be generally excluded from any share of the elective franchise, upon the principles of such a reform measure as they plead for, your Honourable House will perceive that it is not political influence which they wish to obtain, but only such an extension of the right of suffrage as will put an end to that corrupt and pernicious influence, in returning members to your Honourable House, which the former system sheltered and protected.

May it therefore please your Honourable House, to take the premises into your serious consideration, and, in accordance with the anxious wishes of your petitioners, and with those of the nation at large, to give your legislative sanction only to such a Reform Bill as shall be strictly analogous in its principle and in all its essential provisions to the one formerly introduced.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray.

. The Petition to the House of Lords, with the exception of the necessary variations, is precisely the same.

ABERDEEN COUNTY ELECTION.

ON Wednesday the 18th of May, the Election of a member of Parliament for Aberdeenshire, took place in the new Court House. The election being a contested one, created great interest. By ten o'clock, small coteries of individuals appeared here and there in Castle Street; and, by eleven o'clock, a large crowd had collected. About that hour a great number went out King Street and waited Sir Michael Bruce the reform candidate's entrance into town; and, on his appearance, they un-