

Mr Farquharson of Haughton—I rise to claim a continuance of favour for the Hon. Captain Gordon, who has ably, faithfully, and zealously represented this county in the last three Parliaments. Although he has withheld his support from a recent measure, I am sure he would concur in a temperate reform that would go to correct the effects of time, and extend the franchise in a safe and equitable manner, but leave untouched the basis of our glorious Constitution. (Loud disapprobation.) I now beg to move that the Hon. Captain Gordon be again returned to represent this great county in Parliament. There cannot be a doubt, he will exercise his judgment in a way honourable to himself, and beneficial to the country at large.—(Yells of disapprobation from the gallery.)

Mr Forbes Irvine of Schivas rose to second the nomination of Captain Gordon, but it was some time before he could render himself audible, on account of the noise. After the sentiments, so eloquently expressed by the mover, in favour of Captain Gordon, he need add nothing in his favour. He (Capt. G.) had spoken also for himself in the letter which he had addressed to the freeholders—a letter, containing the most moderate, temperate, and reasonable views upon the question of reform. A reform of a moderate and just nature would have Captain Gordon's and his (Mr F's) support—a reform founded on the ancient basis of the Constitution, and with a due regard to property. (Groans and hisses.) This was a kind of reform which would meet the views of the great majority of the county freeholders—(uproar)—and any other description of reform they would condemn. (Continued uproar.) He was certain he spoke the sentiments of this great county. In the proposed measure there were some points, not only against reason, but against justice. (Loud yells and cries of “down with him.”) Could any man, with a true regard to moderation and justice, concur in a measure which went to denude ancient and venerable burghs of their long established rights and privileges, and unavoidably lead to their deprivation and ruin. He had therefore great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Captain Gordon, whose views on the subject were consonant with his own. (Loud and continued disapprobation.)

Sir John Forbes of Craigievar, begged leave to propose Sir Michael Bruce of Stenhouse and Scotstown, Bart. as a fit and proper representative of this county in Parliament. (Loud cheering, which continued for several minutes.) Sir Michael had, in his address to the constituency, declared his opinion to be favourable to Parliamentary Reform—(cheers)—and if, by the suffrages of the Freeholders this day, he should be elected as their representative, he would be found at his post in Parliament, advocating the cause of his Majesty's Government