

done what you could to prevent your servants (not dependents, thank God,) from daring to think or act for themselves. Apply, then, the hissings and insults to yourselves, and you will be in no different situation from the gentlemen subjected to them, except that, in your case, they may be deserved.

Surely, Gentlemen, it must be apparent to you that, in what you have now done, you have done the cause to which you are allied irreparable injury; and surely, even although unwilling, you must see that you have furnished your political opponents with a weapon of truth and publicity against you. It cannot now be denied that the power alone is wanting to make you the tyrants and despots you profess to despise; and the people of Scotland have a foretaste in your case, in a small way, of what they might expect, did your party unhappily succeed in carrying the measures for which they are now bawling. Gentlemen, you have done the Conservative cause an incalculable benefit. You have furnished an example of liberal rule, and have afforded a lesson of much practical utility, by which the people will hasten to profit, and have proved to a demonstration, that a popular government may perchance become the worst of tyrannies. For all this I, as an humble Conservative, heartily thank you; and, above all, I thank you for having shown so clearly what is the real meaning of the much misused term "liberality," and that, like the far-famed "reciprocity," it can only be permitted to exist on one side.

In conclusion, I beg to assure you that, in what I have now said, I have considered you solely as a public body, whose acts and deeds are subject to public examination, and in that character, and that alone, is the present Letter addressed to you, and that you will so consider it I cannot have the smallest doubt.

And I am,

With the respect which is due,

Your most obedient public Servant,

*Geo. R. Forbes.*