

on the subject. Now, had the day been *pleasant*, supposing that the same concourse of persons had assembled on the Links as did on occasion of your Meeting, the veracious opponents of Reform might and likely would have trumped up the scandalous libel of the turn-out being owing to *the day* and not for *the cause*. But, Sir, that turn-out having taken place, especially under said circumstances, Aberdeen may proudly look from her third station on the Map of Scotland, and boldly shake hands with Edinburgh and Glasgow. Aberdeen, stigmatised by her own Lord-Lieutenant as disloyal! Aberdeen, the proverbial "beau-ideal" of the close-borough system!! Aberdeen, the far-famed hot-bed of Toryism, she has risen patriotically obedient to the call of her august and beloved Monarch!!! Sir, no pen can do justice to your townsmen, in reference to their meeting on the twenty-second current, amid the "pitiless blast and drenching rain" they stood before you, grouped in thousands every man listening to you with the deepest attention, all eager to respond to your statements expressive of the need of Reform. Sir, it is much to be lamented that the accident of the falling of the hustings took place; but, while it is matter of thankfulness to God that the injury thereby done was comparatively inconsiderable, I may, without flattery, repeat that, perhaps, none so much as yourself felt sorry for the circumstance; while, Sir, it ought to be publicly known that every kindness which benevolence could suggest, was almost, on the instant, exercised by you in aid of those more immediately the sufferers.

Your most obedient,

JOHN DAVIDSON.

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P. S.—I may just signify that the following Speech is published by desire of the Committee of the Working Classes.