

(Cheers.) Mr. Lindsay then proposed that the letter on page 2 be sent to Mr. Gladstone.

Mr. David Mitchell, advocate; ex-Baillie James Ross; Mr. Henry Worling, combmaker; Mr. Francis Beattie, blacksmith; and Mr. David Ferrier, Woodside, afterwards spoke, specially commenting on the justice of the Franchise Bill; and declaring that when the new county electors were permitted to exercise the privileges of the franchise they would do so to their own and to the nation's great benefit. They further maintained that the action of the House of Lords in refusing to pass the bill was unpatriotic and unstatesmanlike; and that gatherings, such as that being held to-day, would teach the noble lords who formed the majority of the Upper Chamber that not their will, but the will of the nation, was to be supreme.

It was cordially agreed to forward the letter to Mr. Gladstone, as proposed.

The demonstration, as we have already indicated, was in every detail most complete and successful, and in after years will no doubt be looked upon as having materially strengthened the hands of the present Government. The numbers taking part in or witnessing the demonstration have been variously estimated but we think we are quite within the mark in putting them down as not having been less than 50,000. The appearance presented on the Links was of the gayest possible description, and we need have no hesitation in saying never has a more orderly crowd assembled there. We sincerely trust that as a result of the labours of those thousands, the Franchise Bill when again presented in the House of Lords will be duly passed without opposition. We feel certain that no concession will be accepted by the general body of electors, still less by those belonging to Aberdeen and surrounding districts. The crowning point of success will have been reached when the Bill is passed.

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