

ces to the agriculturists, and tend much to check the stream of agricultural improvement in Scotland, which has advanced so steadily for the last quarter of a century.

I am sure the well known good sense of the electors of Aberdeenshire, whether landlords or tenants, will enable you to see that to support the Whig party at the approaching election—men who openly and avowedly advocate a free trade in corn—must be a course directly opposed to the true line of policy which your interests demand you to pursue. You will not, I am confident, sacrifice to a spirit of party, the prosperity of your country ; you will not sanction by your votes your own ruin ; you will not be blinded by the specious veil of a false liberality ; you will not choose a representative merely because he is a reformer, and what is termed a man of the most liberal principles. With any man professing the principles which actuate the Whigs, you can have no community of sentiments or interests. A part may have agreed with the Whigs on the question of Reform, but can any one of you be so blinded by the sophistry of that party, as to give his voice for a member of it, when the first question he may be called to deliberate on when he takes his seat in Parliament, is whether the protecting duty on foreign corn shall or shall not be removed ; in other words, whether he shall annihilate the agricultural interest at home and give to foreign countries the right of supplying Britain with corn, to the total exclusion of the produce of its own soil. The doctrine is so monstrous that no one can be so far blinded as to give his vote for any one holding it. Whatever difference of opinion may have existed on the Reform Bill, that question being now at rest, I am sure the constituents of Aberdeenshire, when the hour of danger is so near, will forget that they on that measure stood opposed to each other, and will join cordially for the security, not of a party, but the general and particular good of all. You will perceive that the corn laws are for the advantage of no particular set of individuals, but that all and every one of you is interested to the extent of his existence. On the corn laws