

removal of the duty on foreign corn would tend more than any other measure I can conceive, to bring great evils on the country. It would most seriously injure the farmer as well as the citizen. There is no class of men so high, nor any so low, but must suffer from the effects of such a measure.

Two candidates have taken the field to canvass for your votes at the approaching election. The one a Tory, opposed to the removal of the protecting duty on corn, and as a consequence, your friend. The other a Whig, and if he is consistent with the principles of his party, an advocate—however strange it may appear—for a free trade in corn. You, the constituents of the County, have to choose between them. The one is the consistent and experienced defender of a measure which enables you to cultivate your lands and bring the produce to a sure market at a fair remunerating price. The party to which the other has attached himself, is opposed to this measure, and advocates a scheme which would throw the trade in corn into the hands of foreigners, and expel you from your own markets. Can a spirit of party make any one of you hesitate which to choose. I am confident it cannot; for who among you does not desire to see improvements advancing, and agriculture prospering. Will the baronet who has started in opposition to the Honourable Captain Gordon, tell you that on this measure he will forsake his party and defend your interests? He may. But would such a line of conduct be consistent? Could you admire such conduct? You could not. But Sir Michael Bruce has done nothing to warrant me in hinting even at the supposition that he would do so. He has been all along consistent with his principles and party; and you must admire such conduct even in an opponent. But it would not be wise to allow your admiration to go so far as to induce you to send him to parliament, that he might assist in a measure which would, without doubt, prove the destruction of your prosperity. This would be too much. Allow him to be an able legislator, and in every other way qualifi-