

ed to represent the County, yet if he goes along with his party, and keeps true and consistent to the principles which its members profess, he must, as an advocate for free trade in corn, be opposed to your interests on a point of the most vital importance. You would not therefore arm your enemies against yourselves. It cannot be, it is perfectly unnatural.

Captain Gordon has been all along the true and consistent friend of your best interests. You have more than once testified your high sense of his services by a vote of thanks and approbation. Even on the question of Reform* he advocated the opinions of a majority of his constituents.—His conduct, therefore, cannot even on that point be condemned. He adopted the sentiments of those who sent him to Parliament, and is any one now to blame him for having faithfully discharged his duty, merely because a small portion of the electors were opposed to the views of the majority? Such conduct in any one would not be justice. He supported on every occasion the opinions of those who sent him to Parliament; and having faithfully fulfilled his instructions, he is justly entitled again to your confidence and support. Is he then to be ousted from his place by an individual who, but for the part he has played during the agitation which the Reform Bill created, was, I may say, perfectly unknown to you? Are Sir Michael Bruce's services to the county to be put in competition with those of Captain Gordon? Are you to be told that his qualities as a legislator are superior to those of that gallant officer? What, allow me to ask, has Sir Michael done to entitle him to your suffrages? Has he shown talents as an orator or statesman superior or even commensurate with his rival? Is his experience of public business equal to that of a man who for a long series of years has been perfecting himself in all its intricacies? Can he be possessed of that perfect knowledge of your dif-

* It ought to be remembered by those who oppose him on this ground, that he was not averse to all Reform, and that he admitted it would be beneficial to a certain extent.