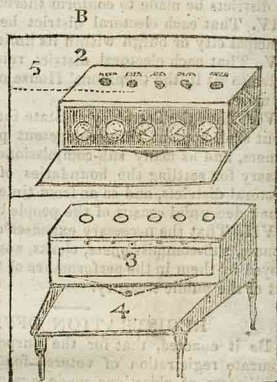
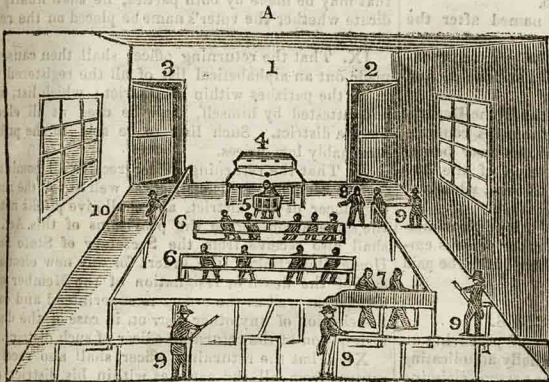


THE PEOPLES CHARTER.

1839.

THE PEOPLES CHARTER; BEING THE OUTLINE OF AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE JUST REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GREAT BRITAIN IN THE COMMONS' HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT; EMBRACING THE PRINCIPLES OF UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE, NO PROPERTY QUALIFICATION, ANNUAL PARLIAMENTS, EQUAL REPRESENTATION, PAYMENT OF MEMBERS, AND VOTE BY BALLOT, PREPARED BY A COMMITTEE OF TWELVE PERSONS, SIX MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE LONDON WORKING MEN'S ASSOCIATION, AND ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.



SCHEDULE A, THE BALLOTING PLACE.

1. The space separated off by a close partition, for the purposes of *secret voting*.
2. The entrance to the Ballot Box, where the voter gives his vote.
3. The door by which the voter retires.
4. The front of the Ballot Box, placed on a stand with an inclined plane, down which the balloting ball descends to be ready for the next voter.
5. The seat of the Deputy Returning Officer.
6. The seats of the Agents of the Candidates.
7. The desk of the Parish Clerk and his Assistants.
8. The Assistant, who delivers the balloting ball to the voters.
9. Assistants and Constables at the doors and barriers, who examine the certificates, and let the voters pass on to the ballot.
10. A Constable, to stop any voter who may vote unfairly.

SCHEDULE B, THE BALLOT BOX.

1. The front of the Ballot Box, with the lid down, showing five dials (or any number that may be necessary) on which are engraved (or otherwise) numerals, from one to any number of thousands that may be required, with hands (like the minute and hour-hands of a clock) to register the number of votes.
 2. The apertures, with the Candidates' names opposite, through which each voter drops a brass ball, which, falling in a zig-zag direction, touches a clock-work spring, which moves a pinion on which the hands are fastened, and thus registers one each time a person votes.
 3. The front of the Ballot Box, with the lid up, and sealed.
 4. The stand, with the ball running down.
 5. The line of the partition which makes the two rooms.
- * * * We understand that a Ballot Box of this description has been invented by Mr Benjamin Jolly, 19, York Street, Bath.

THE PEOPLES CHARTER.

An Act to provide for the just representation of the People of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Commons' House of Parliament.

WHEREAS to ensure, in so far as it is possible, by human forethought and wisdom, the just government of the people, it is necessary to subject those who have the power of making the laws, to a wholesome and strict responsibility to those whose duty it is to obey them when made.

And, whereas, this responsibility is best enforced through the instrumentality of a body which emanates directly from, and is itself immediately subject to, the whole people, and which completely represents their feelings and their interests.

And, whereas, as the Commons' House of Parliament now exercises in the name, and on the supposed behalf of

the people, the power of making the laws, it ought, in order to fulfil with wisdom and with honesty the great duties imposed on it, to be made the faithful and accurate representation of the people's wishes, feelings, and interests.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED,

That from and after the passing of this Act, every male inhabitant of these realms be entitled to vote for the election of a Member of Parliament, subject, however, to the following conditions:—

1. That he be a citizen of these realms.
2. That he be twenty-one years of age.
3. That he has not been declared insane by a jury.
4. That he has not been convicted of felony.
5. That he has not been convicted of bribery at elections, or of personation, or forgery of election certificates.