

Men of the Mearns!

WHENEVER it was their purpose to perpetuate abuses, or to crush or circumscribe the privileges of the people, the Tories have had A CRY.

THE CHURCH IN DANGER! was their CRY when they would have persuaded us that such men as the Duke of Norfolk, if admitted into Parliament, would upset the Constitution.

REVOLUTION! was their CRY when they opposed the Measure which had for its object, now happily effected, the destruction of their Monopoly of the Elective Franchise.

THE CORN LAW IN DANGER! is now their CRY, when they would persuade you to reject MR BURNETT as your Representative.

But the Duke of Norfolk, and many other men of high rank and great fortune, whom they would have excluded, have been restored to the privilege of sitting in Parliament, and yet the SUN OF BRITAIN, which was to have set eternally, shines as high and as resplendent as ever.

The Reform Bill is allowed to pass; and now it is acknowledged that REVOLUTION! was a very wicked CRY; for, wonderful to tell, even the Tories of the Mearns *approve of Reform*, and "*never have been opposed to it!!!*"

You may TRUST, that the CRY now raised by them against MR BURNETT is a senseless and hollow sound, noised about, and rung in our ears, for a selfish purpose.

They dare not rest their unblushing application for your Votes, on their Political bearing towards you, because they regard you as interlopers, and because, if they had had their way, KINCARDINESHIRE would still have been a ROTTEN BURGH, and YOU would still have been denied a voice in the Election of your Representative.

But although they cannot, in this respect, speak favourably of themselves, they resort to the stale trick of A CRY, for the purpose of blackening another. They would have you believe that a Gentleman of high character, whose family is one of the most ancient and respectable in the County, whose ALL is staked on Agriculture, and whose time has been spent in the performance of kind offices among the Tenantry around him, is, nevertheless, the enemy of the Farmer, and will not only prove a Traitor to you, but a participator in what would be ruinous to himself!

Men of the Mearns! The Tories must think you fools, otherwise they would never have attempted to gull you by so monstrous an absurdity.

But the veil is too thin to hide their sinister purpose. The cloven foot cannot be concealed. And none but those who admire what is called the conservative system, who approve of salaries for offices without duty, of unmerited pensions, oppressive taxes, and all the fruits of power and patronage monopolized, will fall into their snare. Such *may* vote for the Tory Candidate.

But all those who truly and justly value the benefits of the great measure of Reform, by which these and all such enormities are to be removed, will vote for the man, who, we know, can with truth say, "*that he has never been opposed to the extension of the elective franchise,*"— who can say more, *that he has done every thing in his power to bring it to pass*; one of whose ancestors, in a former age, took the field, at the hazard of his life and his fortune, in defence of our Civil and Religious Liberty; another of whom was chosen by our fathers to represent them in the Scottish Parliament, when, at the period of the Union, the Honour and Independence of Scotland were believed to be in danger; and whose family, one of whom, Dr Gilbert Burnett, Bishop of Salisbury, was the Historian of the Reformation, and "*Of his own Time,*" have always been the steady friends of Civil and Religious Liberty, and of liberal principles and liberal policy.

Therefore, Men of the Mearns! come boldly forward and declare yourselves. Like your great countryman JOHN KNOX,

FEAR NOT THE FACE OF MAN!

Rest assured that if, for your independent exercise of your privilege, any one shall dare to "make you afraid," there are those at hand who are willing and able to protect YOU, and expose HIM.

Farewell! Remember your duty to yourselves, to your country, and to posterity.

ONE OF YOU.

