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INCLUDING ALL THE
AUTHENTIC ADDRESSES,
AND
REPORTS OF THE IMPORTANT PROCEEDINGS
CONNECTED WITH THE ELECTION.



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1833.

THE History of the Election, of which the subsequent pages form a useful and faithful record, is so fully developed in the course of the introductory matter as to render comment or explanation unnecessary. The Election, and its result, will alike be memorable in future history as the first under the Bill for giving a new constitution to the country, so far as regards the distribution of the elective power and the constitution of the Commons' House, as well as furnishing a test of the estimation in which the reflecting portion of the people of Northumberland hold one of the successful candidates, and the independent principles which he so ably espouses and maintains.

The publishers are aware that, in works of this nature, it is *impossible* to guard totally against errors, especially in those instances where there are several electors of the same name, whose places of residence and other distinguishing particulars, are not fully set forth in the official poll-books. They beg, at the same time, that this admission may not be understood as an indirect apology for the following pages, neither labour nor expense having been spared to render the work as perfect and accurate as any similar one of equal extent ever published.

Journal-Office, Newcastle, }
Feb. 17th, 1833. }

Candidates.

MATTHEW BELL, Esq. of WOOLINGTON.
THOMAS WENTWORTH BEAUMONT, Esq. of BYWELL HALL.
WILLIAM ORD, Esq. of WHITFIELD HALL.

High Sheriff.

HENRY JOHN WILLIAM COLLINGWOOD, Esq. LILBURN TOWER.

Under Sheriff.

CHRISTOPHER FENWICK, Esq. of NEWCASTLE.

Deputy Sheriffs.

NEWCASTLE.

MR. PERCIVAL FENWICK.
MR. P. G. ELLISON.
MR. JOHN ADAMSON.
MR. MICHAEL H. RANKIN.
MR. THOS. JOHN TURNBULL.
MR. P. H. STANTON.
MR. MATTHEW FORSTER.
MR. JOSEPH HEDLEY.

HEXHAM.

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MR. IONS HEWISON, of NEWCASTLE.
MR. SAMUEL THOMPSON, of NEWCASTLE.
MR. WILLIAM CARR, of HEXHAM.
MR. CHARLES HEAD, of HEXHAM.

BELLINGHAM.

MR. JAS. WILLIAMS, of NEWCASTLE.
MR. JOHN GREY, of ALNWICK.

STAMFORDHAM.

MR. ANTHONY CHARLTON, of MORPETH.
MR. GEORGE BRUMELL, of MORPETH.

HALTWHISTLE.

MR. JONATHAN FORSTER, of NEWCASTLE.
MR. J. B. SOUTER, of NEWCASTLE.

ADDRESSES OF THE CANDIDATES,

AND

REPORTS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS.

20, Duke-St. Westminster, 9th of June, 1832.

TO THE NOBILITY, GENTRY, CLERGY, FREE- HOLDERS, AND OTHERS, ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

GENTLEMEN,—Since the act is now passed by which you will be called upon to send two additional representatives to the new parliament, I trust, it is no longer premature to offer my Services for the Southern Division of the County.

How far I may be qualified for the important trust of representing a large and wealthy district in parliament, you have the means of judging from the recollection of my former Service, and of the judgement, which the County passed upon it, when I was obliged by private circumstances to relinquish public affairs. I am not conscious of having ever abused the discretion, with which the County honoured me, nor am I sensible of being less able at the present than I was at that time to serve my constituents with diligence and fidelity: Neither are my political Principles changed: They are, as they have always been, those upon which the civil and religious liberties of our Country were established by the revolution of 1688, and by the Settlement of the crown upon the Family of his present majesty; And I call them Whig.

As to reform of Parliament, I have always been and still continue its advocate. I could have voted for much of the bill, to the whole of which we must now submit, and, by our prudence in the use of its provisions, endeavour to secure the greatest possible advantages to our liberties. It is true, I could not have voted the disfranchisement of boroughs only because they were nomination boroughs; for the power of nomination was secured to no one by law, and belonged by no means exclusively to members of the other house of parliament: It resulted from wealth, which every man might acquire, and though chiefly in the hands of proprietors of land, was permanent in none. In some cases it decayed with wealth, out of which it had grown; In others, it was frequently broken through by the free spirit of the constituency, as we saw at Morpeth in 1802. But, to suppress rotten boroughs and enfranchise large towns, which is to transfer representation from decayed to growing wealth—To extend the too narrow constituency of boroughs, where it has been contracted for the purpose of establishing a power of nomination,

which is to open ; but not to disfranchise.—To encrease the number of County members, and extend the right of Voting to copyholders, I should not only have been ready ; but most desirous to vote.

I hope that, neither these opinions upon the Bill, nor the general principles which I declare, disqualify me as a guardian of the liberties now provided for us ; at least if those liberties are to shew themselves, upon practice, more similar in character to the English revolution of 1688 than to that of France in 1789.

When the proper time for a canvass arrives, it will be the greatest pleasure to me to ask in person the votes of the Electors, and if you should honour me with your choice, my conduct in parliament would be at all times governed by a desire, to redress the grievances of the people—To relieve them from all unnecessary burthens, and to extend in all possible ways their powers of encreasing their own and the general wealth of our county in agriculture and manufacture and commerce.

I have the honour to remain, GENTLEMEN,

Your most devoted Servant,

CHAS. M. L. MONCK.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

GENTLEMEN,—In the anticipation of an early dissolution of Parliament, I most respectfully solicit the honour of representing you in a reformed House of Commons. I offer myself upon the ground of having given a steady and hearty support to the bill for amending the representation of the people, and I promise to you most faithfully that, in the event of being honoured by your choice, my exertions shall be equally sincere and zealous in obtaining for you, by the means of that bill, what this Country has so long in vain desired, good and cheap government. When the abuses which have been considered inseparable from our institutions shall be removed, I am convinced that every branch of the constitution will be more firmly placed in the affections of the people.

It is for you, gentlemen, to decide into whose hands you will entrust the correction of those abuses, in order that we may enjoy the advantages which the improvement of the representation offers to us. It is only for me humbly to express a hope that my past conduct has deserved your approbation, and that by your kindness I may be allowed the honour of gaining for you the benefits of that bill which through your favour I have assisted in securing.

I have the honour of remaining, GENTLEMEN,

Your obliged and faithful Servant,

T. W. BEAUMONT.

June 14th, 1832, 24, St. James's Place.

**TO THE GENTRY, CLERGY, FREEHOLDERS, AND
OTHER ELECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION
OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.**

GENTLEMEN,—I hasten to declare myself one of those who will offer themselves to your choice as your representatives on the dissolution of the present Parliament, and who will give to every elector an opportunity of exercising his franchise.

It was my misfortune to differ from the majority of my late constituents, as to the extent of the change it was expedient to make in the representation of the Country. I did not attempt to disguise my own opinion or to defy theirs; but painful as the separation from those whom I valued and esteemed, and at whose hands I had received many and great kindnesses, necessarily was, I submitted to the sacrifice and withdrew into private life. The grounds of difference being now removed by the act of the Legislature, and not being conscious of having done any thing by which I have deserved to forfeit the good opinion of my countrymen, I present myself, not without some degree of confidence, as a candidate for the honour of representing the Southern Division of the County of Northumberland.

My principles are well known to you. Whilst my humble but zealous efforts are devoted to preserve the institutions of my Country, and to protect and promote its **AGRICULTURE, MANUFACTURES, and COMMERCE**, I will yield to none in the desire to reform real abuses, and to introduce into every department of the state the utmost practicable economy.

With the local interests of this portion of the County my own are peculiarly identified, and I trust that no one can justly charge me with having neglected my duty to any one of my constituents whilst I had the honour of representing the County of Northumberland in Parliament.

It will be my early care personally to wait upon every elector, and in the mean time I entreat your favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be, **GENTLEMEN,**

Your obliged and faithful Servant,

MATT. BELL.

Cheltenham, June 15, 1832.

**TO THE FREEHOLDERS AND OTHER ELECTORS
OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY
OF NORTHUMBERLAND.**

GENTLEMEN,—A Requisition calling upon me, in Conjunction with **Mr. BEAUMONT**, to come forward as a Candidate to represent the **SOUTHERN DIVISION** of your County, and pledging the Parties signing it to attend the Poll at their own Expense, having appeared in the public Papers, and as I have been also informed that it has already been