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High Sheriff :

FRANCIS WATT, ESQ.



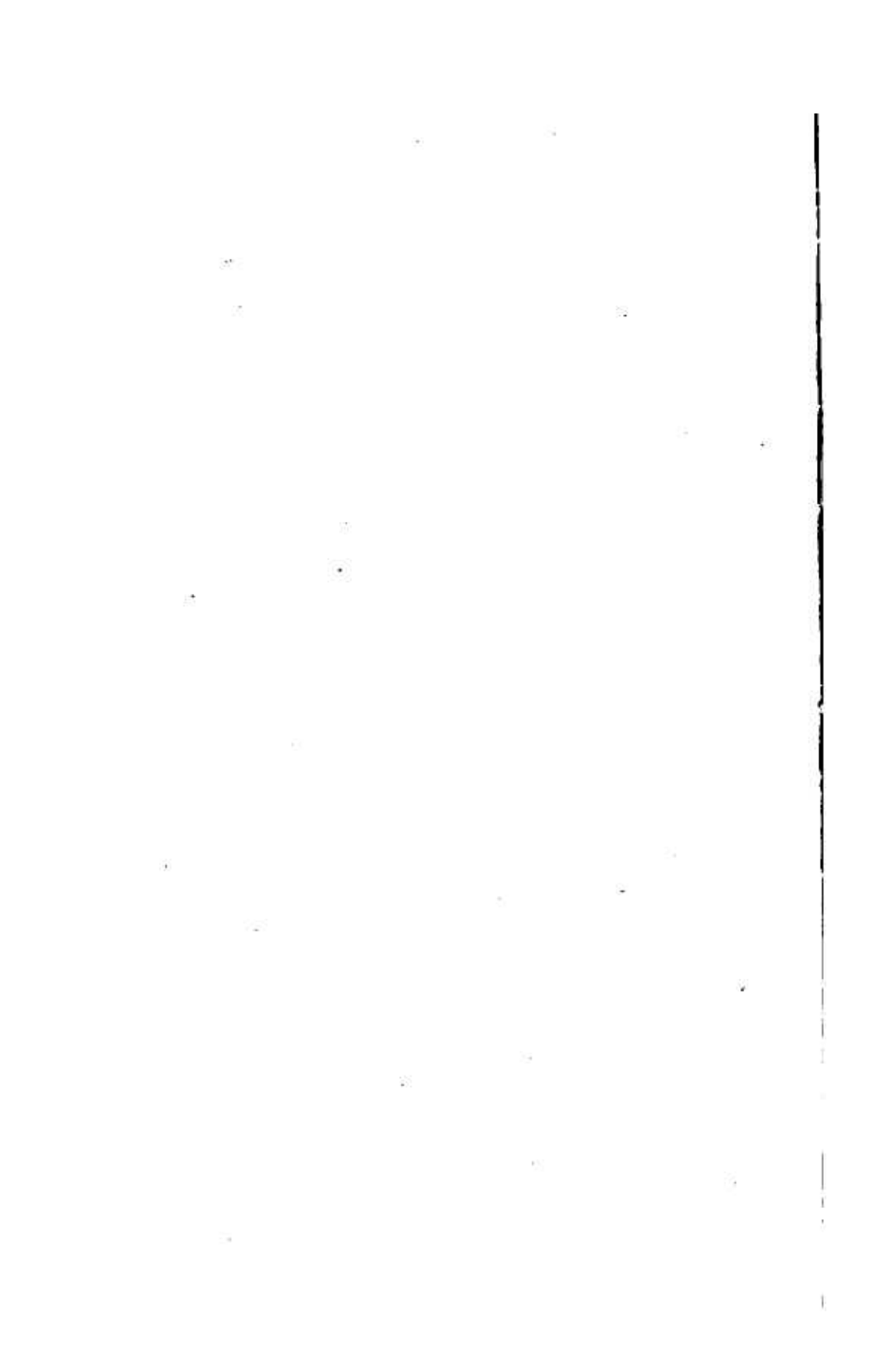
Candidates :

THE RIGHT HON. LORD VISCOUNT MILTON,
HENRY F. BEAUMONT, ESQ.,
CHRISTOPHER BECKETT DENISON, ESQ.,
WALTER SPENCER STANHOPE, ESQ.

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ADDRESSES OF THE CANDIDATES.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.

GENTLEMEN,

I entertain the conviction that the Liberal Party in the South West Riding of Yorkshire have the strength to obtain a victory for their cause, if they determine to exert it; and that they will not be ready to hear the voice of their important and flourishing district pronounced in favour of a Conservative policy.

I should gladly have hailed the probability that your suffrages would be sought by one of more experience than myself, but rather than that you should have no opportunity of expressing your opinions at the poll, I yield to the request of many influential gentlemen among yourselves, and offer my services to you to represent you in the House of Commons.

Should you confer on me the distinction which I seek from you, I shall deem it my duty steadily to support a Liberal policy at home and abroad, and to give my independent aid in maintaining an Administration which, like the present one, has, in my judgment, done much to deserve the confidence of the country.

They have been successful in preserving peace with other nations during times of imminent peril without sacrificing the interest or honour of the nation, and their conduct of the public finances has been singularly successful.

The vast increase of our Trade, the expansion of the Revenue in spite of large and continued reduction of Taxation, and the spirit of contentment which exists throughout Great Britain are, I think, the legitimate fruits of the wise commercial system pursued by recent Parliaments, and I think the same course should be steadily pursued.

The application of science to the arts of war has entailed a large addition to the expense of our great Naval and Military Establishments. Much of this has been perhaps unavoidable, but while I would maintain the due efficiency of these establishments as essential to the preservation of peace, I shall co-operate in every effort to reduce the national expenditure.

I belong to the Established Church, and I wish to see it prosperous and strong. The strength of the Church does not depend on maintaining its encroachments upon the civil liberty of those who do not belong to it; nor would it be diminished, in my opinion, if Church Rates were abolished and Nonconformists admitted to the full privileges of the National Universities. I should therefore support measures for these objects.

The state of the Representation has been considered by several successive Governments and Parliaments, hitherto without result, except to show the difficulties of the question. The time, however, cannot be far distant when it must be dealt with. I am of opinion that many of those who have now no voice in the Election of Members to Parliament, both for Counties and Boroughs, might be wisely entrusted with political power without danger to the institutions of the country; but I should prefer to see proposals for this object submitted to Parliament by a responsible Government on a comprehensive plan for improving the Representation.

I have endeavoured frankly to lay before you my general views on some of the leading political questions of the day. It appears to me that the true solution of these questions is to be found in a steady development of that Liberal policy which has guided the legislation of the country for the last thirty-five years, and it is for you, gentlemen, now to say whether you will pronounce a decided opinion in its favour.

I am well aware of the great and growing importance of your local interests. I need scarcely assure you that if I have the honour of representing you, these shall receive my utmost attention.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your faithful and obedient Servant,
MILTON.

Wentworth Woodhouse, July 1st, 1885.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE WEST RIDING OF THE COUNTY OF YORK.

GENTLEMEN,

The circumstances under which I appear before you are so peculiar, that I may be pardoned a few words in explanation of the causes of a Candidature which is not of my seeking. Two Liberals of honoured Yorkshire names had been, by a Meeting of Electors at Wakefield, recommended for your adoption. Unexpectedly they both retire, and I am urgently requested, in conjunction with Viscount Milton, to fill the vacancy thus created. Unwilling to refuse my humble services to that great party with which my family have so long been intimately connected, but deeply impressed with the conviction that others better known to you both privately and politically should have been presented for acceptance, I respectfully solicit your suffrages.

The great question for your decision is whether, in the next Session of Parliament, a Liberal or a Tory policy shall govern the country. It is an issue of no mean importance, and one well worthy of a struggle on the part of one of the first county constituencies in the United Kingdom.

This country now happily enjoys an amount of prosperity unprecedented in historical records. Since the days of Sir R. Peel one Liberal measure has succeeded another, each wisely calculated to remove those legacies of a bygone generation—unless restrictions on our progress in all relations of life.

Free Trade in every department has been successfully carried out; our Tariff simplified; our Taxation reduced; our Trade largely augmented; our Expenditure checked; and an honourable Peace maintained with Europe and America.

Much has been done by the present Government to extend the advantages of sound Education to the humbler classes, and I hope to see a further extension of the system which has proved so satisfactory.

These measures, and many others too numerous to dwell on in detail, were, more or less, opposed at every opportunity by the Conservatives; although they now freely admit the benefits derived from a Liberal policy.

It is not for the advantage of the represented or the representative that the latter should be fettered in his public career by pledges; but, I could not consent to occupy the honoured post of your Member, unless there existed between us a considerable agreement on great constitutional questions.

Being in favour of an extension of the Franchise in Counties and Boroughs, I should support a comprehensive Reform Bill, introduced into Parliament under the authority of Government; and possessing confidence in my fellow-countrymen, and faith in the Working Classes, I should feel no hesitation in voting for the £6 Franchise in Towns.

Many Boroughs, which in former years were of sufficient importance to return members to Parliament, have now fallen into comparative insignificance. In my judgment these ought to be either partially or totally disfranchised, and their Members transferred to places increasing in population and wealth.

Warmly attached to the Church of England, I believe that her true prosperity lies in the affections of the people, and not on a too rigid adherence to ancient privileges. If allowed to depend for her support on the devotion of her adherents, her efficiency would be extended; and I should therefore vote for the Abolition of Church Rates.

I desire, Gentlemen, to conceal nothing from you, but to explain with frankness my public principles, and should they be (as I am led to believe they are) in unison with yours, I venture to hope that you will not be wanting in every effort to prove that your recently-divided Riding is not reactionary in its politics. In conclusion, I beg leave to assure you that, if elected, my utmost attention will be devoted to the important local affairs of your great County.

Hoping soon to have the pleasure of appearing among you, to explain further my political views.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY F. BEAUMONT.

London, 1st July, 1865.

TO THE FREEHOLDERS AND ELECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE WEST RIDING.

GENTLEMEN,

The Conservative Party of the West Riding have determined at the coming Election to make a resolute stand in the newly-constituted Southern Division, in support of their principles which since 1869 have, so far as the Riding is concerned, been wholly unrepresented in Parliament.

It was their hope and expectation that the Right Honourable J. Stuart Wortley would have been their first candidate; and it is to be regretted that one whose family has been so long and so honourably associated with the Conservative cause in the West Riding should be precluded by ill health alone from again taking the lead in the approaching contest.

Having been unanimously invited at a Central Meeting of Conservatives to allow myself to be put in nomination, in conjunction with Mr. Walter Spencer Stanhope, for the representation of the Southern Division, I have considered it my duty to comply with so flattering a request.

As a member of a family for upwards of a century connected with the trading interests of the West Riding, and as the son of your old representative, Mr. Edmund Denison, who for seventeen years was honoured with your confidence, I venture to solicit your support and your votes.

In politics I am a Conservative, and a warm supporter of all those institutions in Church and State, under which the British Empire has risen to its proud pre-eminence. True Conservatism, as I understand it, implies a readiness to modify our laws so as to meet the growing requirements of the age, and thus render more secure the Constitution under which we have the happiness to live.

On the great question of Electoral Reform, I am opposed to any measure that has yet appeared for the mere lowering of the voting qualification in town or county, but I am quite ready to admit to the privilege of the Franchise all who have acquired a stake in the stability of the State, and all whose education enables them to appreciate the Franchise as a trust to be exercised for the common weal. I am opposed, however, to any change which would swamp the present Electoral Constituencies, by the force of numbers, or which would give to any one class a predominating influence in the House of Commons.

As to Church Rates, I cannot support any measure for their abolition, unless provision be made by which the fabric of the National Church may be kept in suitable repair; but I am not without hopes that some compromise on this vexed question may be effected, which, whilst maintaining the nationality of the Church, will prove acceptable to those who dissent from her communion.

In the Foreign Policy of the Country, I am an advocate of consistent non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries; but am not an advocate for "peace at any price," when the honour of a great nation demands a far different attitude.

I will support every wise measure tending to greater Economy in the Government of the Country, so as to lighten, as far as possible, the burden of Taxation; but I think the Army and Navy should be kept in the highest state of efficiency, so that we may not by an appear-

ance of weakness invite attack, or lessen our just influence as the foremost of civilized nations.

The enlightened legislation of later years has left little to be desired in the removal of restrictions on Trade and Commerce, and in that legislation I heartily concur.

Every measure which has for its object the general Education and Social Improvement of the Industrial Classes shall have my cordial support.

I should enter the House of Commons as an Independent Member, prepared to give a steady general support to the Conservative Party, but not to oppose any measures of the existing Government which are calculated to ameliorate the condition and promote the contentment of the People.

Familiar with public affairs from youth upwards, and for years engaged in important Judicial, Financial, and Executive duties in different parts of British India, I shall bring to the aid of my duties, if elected, a wide experience of that Great Eastern Empire whose commerce is so deeply interwoven with your own, and whose political contentment and social prosperity re-acts with such enormous influence upon the centres of British Industry.

Having my whole time at command, I should, if elected as your Representative, be in a position to devote myself entirely to the promotion of your highly important local interests.

Looking forward to many public opportunities of a further explanation of my Political views,

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,
Your faithful Servant,
CHRISTOPHER BECKETT DENISON.

Doncaster, June 21st, 1865.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE WEST RIDING.

GENTLEMEN,

In obedience to the flattering invitation given to me on behalf of the Conservative Party of the West Riding, at a Meeting held at Wakefield, on the 16th instant, I have the honour to offer myself as a Candidate, in conjunction with Mr. Christopher Beckett Denison, for the Representation of the Southern Division of the Riding.

I have not had the advantage of previous Parliamentary experience, but as a resident in the Southern Division, and connected with its interests by local and family ties, I have for many years past given much of my time to the transaction of its public business.

I have also gained some insight into the extensive branches of industry in which the population of this important district are engaged.

On the question of Reform, I believe that the House of Commons as at present constituted fairly represents all classes and interests in the United Kingdom. I believe that it is the best and most efficient Representative Assembly to be found in any nation. I have not been convinced that any of the measures which have of late been proposed as Reform Bills would have afforded the Country an improved Representation. While any well considered measure for admitting to the Franchise persons fitted by intelligence and education to its due exercise, would receive my most earnest attention, I should vigorously oppose any attempt to produce a violent change in the present constituencies by a simple and unqualified lowering of the Franchise.

Being heartily attached to the National Church, while I should wish to give the utmost consideration to the just claims of all those who dissent from her, and to acknowledge their efforts in the cause of Religion and Education, still I believe that the union of Church and State, the maintenance of the Parish Church for the free use of the poor, and the existence of a Christian principle in the Government of the Country, are essential to its welfare. Should an adjustment of the Church-rate question be brought forward, which would satisfy the scruples of conscientious Dissenters, securing at the same time the maintenance of the fabric, I should gladly welcome such a solution. But a measure to abolish Church Rates, intended as a part of a detailed attack upon the National Church, would receive my warmest opposition.

I am in favour of non-intervention in foreign affairs, coupled with a conciliatory and dignified bearing towards all Governments, whether they be strong or weak.

I wish to see the National Defence fully maintained. With respect to the most important of these—the Navy—I believe that the expenditure is disproportionately great, as compared with the result in effective force.

In my opinion, the course of legislation of the Parliament now about to be dissolved has been in general satisfactory, but I attribute this result in a great measure to the firm and consistent policy of the Conservative party, who have been able to resist effectually all measures fraught with danger to our time-honoured Constitution, under which I believe the British Nation enjoys a larger share of liberty and independence, coupled with order and security, than would be possible under any other existing form of Government.

I should wish to take my part in carrying out social and legal Reforms, many of which I believe to be necessary, and to assist in promoting Education based upon Religious principles, as well as in revising and improving the working of the Poor Laws, and in passing measures tending to promote the welfare of the Industrial Classes and of the Community in general.

Should I have the honour to be elected one of your Representatives, the local and commercial questions affecting the interests of the Riding, which are second only in importance to those of the Kingdom, would receive my best attention.

In conclusion, I would impress upon the Conservatives of the Southern Division, that it is only by unremitting efforts to cause every Conservative vote to be recorded at the Poll that they can give effect to that majority which they undoubtedly possess upon the Register, and thereby secure adequate Representation of their interests in the Commons House of Parliament.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
WALTER SPENCER STANHOPE.

Cannon Hall, Barnsley, 17th June, 1865.

THE NOMINATION.

The Nomination took place on Tuesday, the 18th July, at the Borough Market, Wakefield, when Walter Spencer Stanhope, Esq., was proposed by Edmund Denison, Esq., and seconded by Rowland Wina, Esq.; Christopher Beckett Denison, Esq., was proposed by The Hon. F. S. Wortley, and seconded by George Wilton Chambers, Esq.; The Right Hon. Lord Viscount Milton was proposed by The Right Hon. Sir Charles Wood, Bart., and seconded by Thomas Dunn, Esq.; and Henry F. Beaumont, Esq., was proposed by The Right Hon. John Parker, and seconded by Thomas Jessop, Esq., Mayor of Sheffield; and, on a show of hands, the majority was declared to be in favour of Lord Milton and Mr. Stanhope. A poll was demanded on behalf of the other candidates, which took place on Friday, 21st July, commencing at eight and closing at five o'clock.

THE DECLARATION.

The Declaration of the Poll took place at Wakefield on the following Monday, when the Under Sheriff declared the Poll to be—

For Lord Milton.....	7258
“ Mr. Beaumont	6975
“ Mr. Denison	6884
“ Mr. Stanhope	6818

And Lord Milton and Mr. H. F. Beaumont were then declared duly elected.

THE SHERIFF'S DECLARATION OF THE POLL.

Page.	Polling Districts.	Voters on the Register.	Voters Polled.	Milton.	Beaumont	Denison.	Stanhope.
5	1 Barnsley	1008	908	512	480	361	425
21	2 Dewsbury	1946	1608	1069	1009	561	537
43	3 Dobcross	743	605	383	324	271	271
59	4 Doncaster	1280	1017	465	438	564	528
78	5 Goolse	322	268	55	58	206	210
88	6 Holmfirth	696	511	284	279	225	222
92	7 Huddersfield	1913	1617	873	852	742	718
120	8 Penistone	346	288	90	86	172	180
125	9 Pentretract	326	219	334	308	425	406
139	10 Rotherham	971	771	372	538	304	210
153	11 Scissett	439	358	241	247	121	127
160	12 Selby	804	499	142	136	333	327
169	13 Sheffield	3015	2151	1301	1290	827	851
206	14 Sherburn	220	228	18	18	220	215
210	15 Snaith	324	251	22	20	229	222
215	16 Tadcaster	265	220	59	57	164	156
220	17 Thorne	529	459	206	195	243	226
228	18 Wakefield	1699	1200	426	487	738	725
251	19 Wath-upon-Deane	471	379	197	170	189	183
	Total.....	17903	14060	7258	6975	6884	6818

Majority of Lord Milton over Mr. Denison.....	374
Majority of Lord Milton over Mr. Stanhope.....	439
Majority of Mr. Beaumont over Mr. Denison.....	91
Majority of Mr. Beaumont over Mr. Stanhope.....	156

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

BARNESLEY POLLING DISTRICT.

(Note:—M., is Lord Milton; B., Mr. Beaumont; D., Mr. Denison; and S., Mr. Stanhope.)

M.	B.	D.	S.	
ARDSLEY.				
1		1		Ellis William, Stairfoot
1	1			Evans Benjamin, Shires Spring, Hoyland Nether
		1	1	Gill William, Manor House
1			1	Gregg Richard, Hunningley Lane
		1	1	Johnson William, Hunningley Lane
1	1			Jubb George, Monk Bretton
		1	1	Kenworthy Thomas, Field House
			1	Micklethwait Richard, Ardaley House
		1	1	Micklethwait Richard Greaves, Parsonage House,
1	1			Micklethwait Thomas, Shepote
1	1			Parker Edward, Stairfoot . .
1	1			Richmond Joseph, Stairfoot,
1	1			Roodhouse Samuel, Stairfoot
1	1			Scales Joseph, The Whitehouse, Hunslet Road, Leeds
1	1			Seddon Robert
		1	1	Sellers, William
1	1			Shepherd George
1	1			Sunderland John, Billingley
1	1			Thewlis Joseph, Stairfoot
1	1			Watson George
1	1			Watson Joseph
1	1			Wilkinson James, Swaith Hall, Worsbrough
		1	1	Wilkinson William
		1	1	Young George, Parkhouse Farm
BARNESLEY.				
		1	1	Aclam Thomas, New Street
1	1			Alexander Christopher, No. 12, Dodworth Road
1	1			Allen Thomas, Dodworth Road
1	1			Allerton Henry, Great Houghton
		1	1	Andrews John, Smithies, Monk Bretton
		1	1	Armitage Edward, Shambles Street
		1	1	Armitage John, No. 8, Church Field
1	1			Armitage John, Sackville Street
		1	1	Armitage William Salt, Shambles Street
		1	1	Arnold William, Victoria Boiler Works, Summer Lane
1	1			Asquith David, Station Road
1	1			Asquith James, Carr's Yard, Church Street
		1	1	Bacon Joseph, Dodworth Green
		1	1	Bailey Benjamin, Cockerham
1	1			Bailey Charles, Keresforth Hill
1	1			Bailey William, Sheffield Road
1	1			Barber James, Silver Street
1	1			Barber Thomas, Silver Street
		1	1	Baron John, 6a, Sheffield Road