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TAKEN ON

THE 22nd AND 23nd DAYS OF JULY, 1852,

AT

ALNWICK, BELFORD, BERWICK, ELSDON, MORPETH, ROTHBURY, AND WOOLER,

INCLUDING THE

ADDRESSES AND SPEECHES

OF THE VARIOUS CANDIDATES;

AND

REPORTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

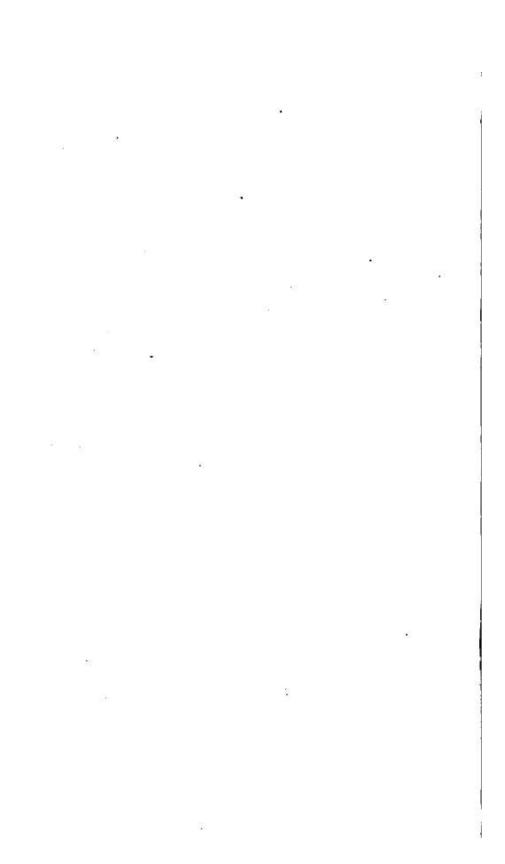
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NOMINATION AND DECLARATION DX AT ALNWICK.

Dewcastle-upon-Tyne .

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1852.



INTRODUCTION.

The History of the Election for the Northern Division of the County of Northumberland in 1852, of which the subsequent pages present an useful and authentic record, is so fully developed in the course of the introductory matter to the present volume as to render any elaborate comment or explanation unnecessary. The election arose out of a dissolution of parliament, consequent upon the disruption, through internal weakness and divisions, of the Whig Ministry under Lord John Russell, and the advent to power of the Conservative Government of the Earl of Derby. It may be necessary to state for the information of the general reader, that the constituency of North Northumberland, which, though numerically small, is highly respectable and intelligent, consists almost entirely of persons engaged in agricultural pursuits, and that, in the present contest, were involved the important public principles, first, whether the one-sided free-import system of the Manchester School of Political Economists, of which Sir Geo. Grey, one of the candidates, had long been an able and prominent advocate, should be continued and extended without modification, or whether the greatest of all national interests, that of the land, should receive from the legislature that fair and reasonable consideration and relief to which, from its peculiar burdens and unprecedented depression, it was contended, it is entitled; and second, whether the government of this great country should be made subservient to mere "family" arrangements under the direction of a few leading aristocratical Whigs, committed, in alliance with, and at the dictation of, "liberal" politicians of all degrees, to never-ceasing

rash and ill-considered innovations, or whether it should be confided to the care of well-tried statesmen, who had shewn that they were determined to modify our very unequal system of taxation, to reduce to the lowest practicable limits the public expenditure, to promote all really useful reforms in the various departments of the state, to originate such ameliorations as are calculated to advance and improve the condition of the people at large, and at the same time to maintain those fundamental principles of the constitution upon which the safety, honour, and welfare of the country depend. The election and its result will be memorable in future county history as affording a test of the significant manner in which the well-informed constituent body of North Northumberland expressed their opinion on these highly important and interesting questions, as well as of the estimation in which they held the two successful candidates. Lord Ossulston had represented the Northern Division since the passing of the Reform Bill in 1832. Upon the retirement from public life of Mr. Baker Cresswell at the general election in 1847, Sir George Grey, defeating Lord Lovaine by 129 votes, was returned in place of the former gentleman, and the result of the present struggle was that Lord Lovaine and Lord Ossulston were returned first and second on the poll, whilst Sir George Grey was defeated by 35 votes, the Right Hon. Bart. never having once, during the contest, been placed above either of his opponents. The publisher has spared neither labour nor expense to render this work as copious and accurate as possible, and he ventures to believe that it will form an interesting feature in the history of parliamentary elections in the County of Northumberland.

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Journal Office, Newsastle-upon-Tyne, November 30th, 1852.

NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND ELECTION,

1852.

Candidates.

THE RIGHT HON. CHARLES BENNETT, LORD OSSULSTON, OF CHILLINGHAM CASTLE.

THE RIGHT HON. ALGERNON GEORGE PERCY, LORD LOVAINE,
OF ALBURY PARK, GUILDFORD.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR GEORGE GREY, BART. OF FALLODEN.

Bigh Sheriff.

THOS. WOOD CRASTER, ESQ. OF CRASTER TOWER.

Ander Sheriff.

HENRY WM. FENWICK, ESQ. of NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

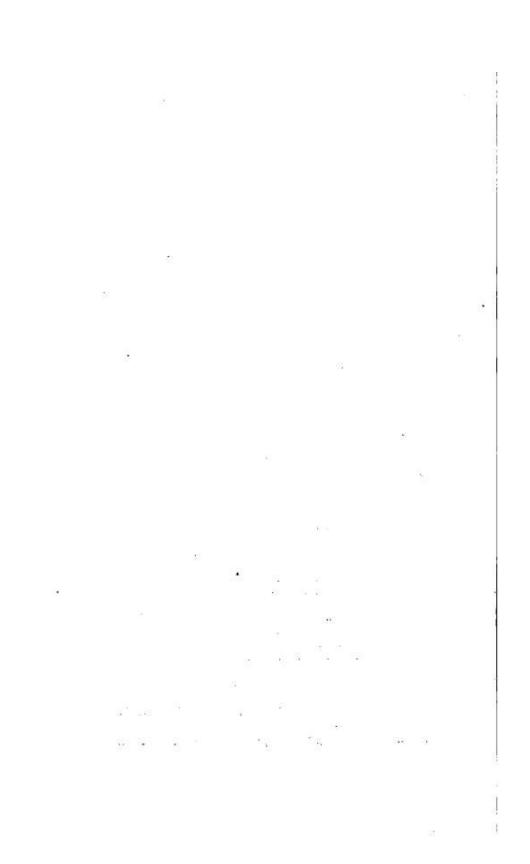
Beputy Sheriffs.

ALNWICK,	Вооти	1MR. P. G. ELLISON.
Do	29	2MR, H, W. FENWICK.
Do	20	3 MR. ROBT, Y. GREEN.
BELFORD		
BERWICK,	Воотн	1MR. HENRY INGLEDEW
Do	29	2MR. CHARLES GRIFFITH.
ELSDON		MR, STEPHEN REED.
Monreth,	Воотн	1 MR. GEORGE W. STABLE.
Do	30	2 MR. JOS. ANDERSON.
ROTHBURY		MR. GEO. B. REED.
WOOLER		MB, THOS, BURNUP.

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WM. WOODMAN, ESQ. MORPETH, FOR SIR GEORGE GREY, BART.



NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND ELECTION. 1852.

ADDRESSES OF THE CANDIDATES.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The probability of an early dissolution of Parliament, induces me to inform you that it is my intention again to offer myself as a candidate for the representation of the Northern Division of the County.

It has been my constant endeavour faithfully to discharge the duties which you confided to me in 1847, and I trust that my past conduct as your representative, entitles me without presumption to solicit a renewal of your confidence.

I hope to wait upon you personally, as soon as my parliamentary duties will permit me to do so; I shall then be ready to afford you the fullest explanation on any subject of public interest, on which you may desire an explicit avowal of my

I feel it, however, due to you at once to state that on all important questions I feel it, nowever, due to you at once to state that on all important questions my views remain unchanged. I consider the financial and commercial policy which has of late years been sanctioned by Parliament, to be eminently conducive to the comfort and contentment of the great body of the people, and to the welfare and prosperity of the country. I believe that a reversal of that policy would be injurious to the permanent interest of every class of the community.

I have the honour to be,

ur to be, Your obliged and faithful Servant, G. GREY. London, 13th March, 1852.

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

GENTLEMEN,—In anticipation of an early dissolution of Parliament, I beg again to offer myself as a candidate for your representation.

For a period of nearly twenty years you have honoured me with your confidence, and it has been my constant study to discharge with fidelity the trust you have accommitted to me my constant study to discharge with fidelity the trust you have committed to me.

The questions which have to be decided at the ensuing election are no longer limited to considerations of mere financial policy, but involve the maintenance or abandonment of these fundamental principles on which the integrity of the

You will be called upon to declare by your votes, whether you will countenance an endless course of innovation, or give your support to a Government pledged to maintain constitutional principles, but at the same time anxious to promote such ameliorations as are calculated to advance the continuous of the countenance and to affect a line to these important interests which are now people at large, and to afford relief to those important interests which are now labouring under the pressure of unequal burdens, and one-sided legislation.

As, a supporter of this Government, and concurring in their views, I again come forward in conjunction with Lord Lovaine to solicit your suffrages.

If it shall be your pleasure to return me a sixth time to Parliament, my conduct shall be guided by the same principles which have hitherto secured me are proport; and you may rely now now expect endeavour to exheld the

your support; and you may rely upon my earnest endeavour to uphold the interests of all classes of the community.

n honour to be, Gentlemen. Your obedient and faithful Servant, OSSULSTON. I have the honour to be, Gentlemen

London, May 26th, 1852.