


TO THE
ELECTORS
OF THE
UNITED BOROUGHES
MONMOUTH,
NEWPORT & USK.



GENTLEMEN

In consequence of a prevailing opinion that the present Parliament is likely to be dissolved in a few months, I think it my duty to make you acquainted with my decision of not coming forward again as a Candidate for the honor of representing you. I communicate my intentions thus early, because I am anxious that you should not be hurried in the choice you will have to make, but have full time to judge of the Political opinions and qualifications of those who will propose themselves for your representation. When I was first induced to come forward as a Candidate for these Boroughs, I was well aware they could not be opened without great expense; and in order to release them from the Political thralldom in which they were then held, I determined to make a considerable sacrifice to obtain so desirable an object—In this I only partially succeeded, as I retained my seat but a short time in 1831. In the following year I was again elected and at the dissolution in 1834, I was a third time selected as your Representative, and placed at the head of the Poll, notwithstanding my unavoidable absence & the distance of Fifteen Hundred Miles from you.

When I came forward previous to the passing of the Reform Bill, I hoped when that measure had become a Law, that the expenses of future Elections for these Boroughs would have been considerably diminished, in consequence of the facilities afforded by that Act of limiting the Polling to the period of two days only, and of taking the votes in the several towns, instead of conveying the Newport voters a distance of Twenty-three Miles. I have, however, found that the increase of expenditure at each succeeding contest has been so great, and at the last Election reached such an extent, that I must decline incurring a repetition of it at the next dissolution. I have not been influenced in this decision by any fear of defeat, or any doubt of the strength of my supporters: I know that the Liberal party is more powerful than ever, and I am perfectly convinced from the repeated marks of approbation I have received for my public conduct, that I should have its fullest and most unqualified support.

Before I part from you, I must address a few words more particularly to the majority of my Constituents:— Let me advise you, as one whom you have trusted for so many years, seriously and deliberately to consider the merits of the respective Candidates who will appear before you. Let no man hastily promise to support to an untried person. Let no Reformer shrink from the responsibility of voting in support of his principles; and above all do not by want of union or indecision allow any person whose opinions are opposite to your own to assume the Representation of your Boroughs.

In 1830 you were a small Constituency of “Freemen,” but under the control of others; in 1837 you are a large body of Electors having the Representation in your own power. Use that power for the benefit of your fellow subjects; exercise it in the cause of Civil and Religious Liberty: and if, when the relative ties which now link us together are dissolved, I can assist you in the promotion of those objects; If at any time I can advance your local or political interests, be assured that the same sentiments which secured your support in 1831, will continue to animate me, and that I shall ever be ready to prove to you, in after years, how much I have been and remain,

Gentlemen,
Your obliged and faithful Friend and Servant,

LLANOVER, JANUARY 13th 1837.

B. HALL