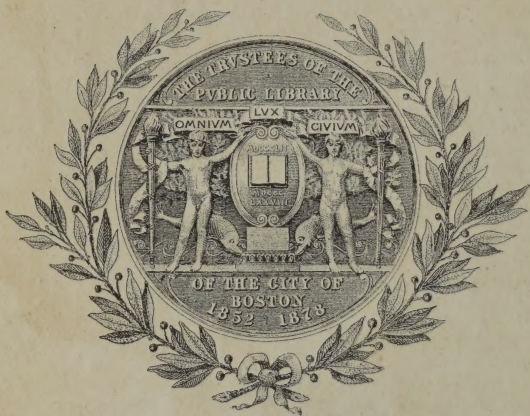




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YORKSHIRE ELECTION.

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AT a MEETING of the "YORKSHIRE PROTESTANT DISSENTERS' ASSOCIATION for the ABOLITION of SLAVERY," held at Leeds, on WEDNESDAY, July 21st, 1830;

JOHN CLAPHAM, Esq. in the Chair;

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That it is the duty of all the Members of this Association to exert their utmost influence in the ensuing General Election, to secure the return of those Candidates alone who will give an unequivocal pledge of their determination to seek, as an object of high and primary importance, the entire extinction of Negro Slavery in the British Colonies.

That we therefore agree, and also earnestly recommend to our friends who possess the elective franchise, either for the county or for boroughs, to withhold all support from such persons as are interested in the system of Slavery, or will not assist to accomplish its extirpation.

That the transcendent ability, and nervous and commanding eloquence with which HENRY BROUGHAM, Esq. has so often pleaded the cause of an injured race, the ardent zeal, and uniform perseverance with which he has laboured to redress their wrongs and effect their emancipation, pre-eminently entitle him to the gratitude of all the true friends of civil and religious liberty, and signally mark him out as the fittest representative of the opinions and wishes of the Freeholders of this great County, who demand the Abolition of Slavery as an evil of fearful magnitude, directly opposed to the well-being and happiness of man, the Law of God, and the Religion of Christ.

That should Mr. Brougham permit himself to be proposed as a Candidate for the Representation of Yorkshire,—we do, in accordance with our avowed principles, and on the ground of his past exertions in this righteous cause, and his pledge of future and more entire self-devotement to it, faithfully bind ourselves to give him our most strenuous support, and to forward his election by every constitutional means.

That these Resolutions, together with an Address, be printed and circulated throughout the County.

JOHN CLAPHAM, Chairman.

ADDRESS.

BROTHER CHRISTIANS!

An important constitutional right, in the summons for a new Parliament, now reverts to you.

You need not be taught its value or sacred responsibility.

We presume not to dictate the general manner and temper in which this Political Trust is to be executed.

But you will not, cannot be, indifferent to the claims of the oppressed,—especially when they are your fellow-subjects.

Beneath the sceptre of your King, whose brightest glory it is that He is called to reign over freemen; and under the Law of your country, whose proudest boast is the equal security and well-being of all;—nearly a million of the human family,—our fellow-creatures in kind, reason, moral capability and immortal destiny,—are held as captives, rated as chattels, yoked as beasts, and branded as criminals, without the pretext or allegation of any offence.

What should be your emotions when you remember that many thousands of these poor outcasts from the claims and charities of human nature,—who have been traduced as ignorant and incapable of liberty,—are "partakers of the heavenly calling," and are gathered into the "fellowship of Jesus Christ?"

Clamours or insinuations the most malignant and unjust will certainly pursue you in the discharge of this duty: can you hesitate to bear, or fail to despise, them?

It is for you to say, and for your loud voice to determine, whether this monstrous evil shall be any longer endured.

Firmly reject, peremptorily discountenance, any candidate who will not explicitly and decidedly pledge himself to measures which shall exterminate this horrible enormity.

An opportunity, the most Providential, now occurs of proclaiming your sentiments against this unequalled wrong on our Common Nature, and this foul scandal on the Christian name.

You poured forth your thousands to support Wilberforce when he stood the champion of Africa against the traffic in her children: prove that you have not degenerated from the lofty standard of your own example.

A patriot the most unshrinking, a philanthropist the most indefatigable, a statesman the most acute and eloquent, will stand forward on your County hustings, to receive your command that Slavery shall cease to the ends of the earth.

Is there a man identified with this great question so morally powerful, so zealously devoted, so solemnly pledged as HENRY BROUGHAM?

While you have not a higher honour to confer on this enlightened, libelal, and benevolent legislator, a higher honour than his election you cannot reflect upon yourselves.

Never was there a more urgent occasion for your strenuous and united exertions,—never a more noble and disinterested cause to engage them.

Your character as Christians is in the balance!

How can you answer it to Him who heareth the groaning of the prisoner—how can you answer it to the brother for whom Christ died—how can you answer it to yourselves,—if you forego the opportunity of exercising your franchise or influence on behalf of this deeply injured race?

With you it rests, under God, whether the bondman shall go free,—whether your fellow-man shall be reinstated in the rights of manhood,—whether tens of thousands of your fellow-Christians, "born again" to the Saviour in their cruel exilethe servitude, shall be welcomed to the Christian charter,—for privileges of which their injuries have only endeared;—from which privileges no circumstance, no law, any more than the accidents of birth and complexion, can justly exclude them!

Brother Christians!—Allow no discouragements, fear no difficulties; fortify yourselves with your cause; rejoice in the testimony of your conscience; carry out your principles; be true to yourselves; and soon the last rivet of Slavery shall be broken and even its last scar be effaced.

THOMAS SCALES,  
RICHARD WINTER HAMILTON, } Secretaries.  
THOMAS PLINT, Jun.

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JOHN CLAPHAM, Esq. in the Chair.  
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