

THE announcement of the changes intended to be produced by the Reform Bill was received here with the most enthusiastic approbation. Joy appeared to pervade every countenance. The Committee appointed to superintend the Reform Petition called a meeting of the requisitionists, and those favourable to the measure, in Machray's Hotel, when it was unanimously resolved to hold another public meeting, to thank the King, and to petition Parliament that the Bill should pass into a law. The Committee and their friends did not part without drinking success to the measure. A very good supper, notwithstanding the short notice and the great number present, was served up by Machray, and the evening was spent with the greatest harmony. Mr. Ross, the candidate for the Peterhead District of Burghs, addressed the meeting.

The Public Meeting was held on Thursday the 10th, and the Court House could not nearly contain the number of respectable inhabitants anxious to testify their gratitude to their Sovereign and his Ministry, and their acquiescence in the Bill. The Incorporated Trades likewise met, and gave their unanimous approval of the Bill.

An Anti-Reform Petition was got up by some of the Freeholders of the County, and was signed by the Convener of the County, and a number of County officials. Another petition in favour of Reform was got up by those friendly to the measure, and soon had a greater number of signatures attached to it than its opponent. The Anti-Reform Petition contained the name of only one Baronet, and he created during the Wellington Administration; the Reform Petition contained the names of four old Scotch Baronets connected with this County.

The greatest anxiety was felt for the account of the division on the second reading, and that division has been hailed here as so certain a triumph of the principle of Reform, that a public dinner is to be held in order to celebrate the event. In other large towns of Scotland the inhabitants have illuminated, but we, like canny Aberdeensmen, love to have something more than a blaze for our money, and prefer illuminating our minds by the aid of the juice of the grape to illuminating our windows.

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