

sioners to say, that the present regiment were inferior to the last that were quartered here. This was a malignant lie. The Commissioners said that if too many of the soldiers walked on the part of the pavement complained of in the petition, the commander should be solicited to advise his men not to walk there. This could only be an advice, for the soldiers have as good right to walk on any part of the streets as any other citizens. I suppose it never entered into the mind of any reformer, that there could be any difference in the quality of two regiments, both nearly filled with Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire men; but the report was calculated to put enmity between the inhabitants and the military. It is not sufficient of the reporter to beg ten thousand pardons in the Police Court; the *Journal* should likewise have contradicted it publicly in the same manner that he sent the lie into the world. This he has never done. Probably he was well aware that the grand explosion was coming; at any rate we were on the outlook for something. Such paragraphs never appear in such papers without some far-fetched ends. The reformers are not afraid of strife; their motto is "peace." I am well persuaded that our young men will go as quietly to the hustings on the election day as they usually go to church, and allow the opposite party to do the same. An anecdote that came to my knowledge on the evening of the great Reform Meeting confirms me in this opinion. Three of the young men that had been in the procession, passed along the street about ten at night, full dressed with their sashes, and every thing else as they had been dressed when in the procession, with this difference, that they were in perfect heroics after drinking freely their Reform glass. A difficulty of balance collected a few spectators. Among these, several young girls were among the promiscuous spectators. One of our three heroes disengaging himself from his companions, made a grasp at one of the girls, which, however, she eluded, when one of the young men cried, 'Let her alone, it is Reform,' which was instantly complied with.—Our young men do not riot when they can obtain redress.

Is it not hard to make these fine fellows pay sixpence for their Reform gill, when they ought to have it at twopence? You must vote for the abolition of the malt