

to which is most justly to be attributed the many heavy misfortunes which have befallen this country within the last half century, and the enormous burden of taxation under which we labour, which paralyzes the industry of the people, and has reduced so many hundreds of thousands to the most abject misery. Can that nation be said to be free in which the most laborious finds it next to impossible to earn a scanty subsistence, in a country the most fruitful and best cultivated in the world? Is it just that thousands of the most industrious should pine away in penury amidst palaces and pleasure grounds? Or, that the useful mechanic and labourer should be compelled to abandon their country, to seek subsistence in some distant wilderness?

A faction assuming the appellation of Tories, but who are as different from that of the worthy body of men, formerly called Tories, whose crimes were the result of a too obstinate adhesion to the principles in which they had been educated, as selfishness is from patriotism;—a faction whose sole principle is self-interest; and, therefore, the only name by which it ought to be distinguished is that of EGOTISTS—unfortunately for the country, had hitherto acquired such a preponderating influence in the Councils of the nation, that it had usurped all authority, and by means of the bribery and corruption of the Electors of the Representatives, had degraded the House of Commons, and rendered it entirely subservient to its views. Thus has our excellent constitution been abased, and rendered nugatory—thus has the nation been reduced under the despotic sway of a selfish faction. To remedy these evils, and to restore the constitution to its pristine excellence, the elective franchise has been extended to a greater number of the people. By the Reform Bill, we have acquired the power of re-modelling the constitution, and of subverting the usurped authority of the party by which it had been corrupted and nearly annihilated. This power has only been acquired after the patience of the people was exhausted, and the majority driven nearly to madness and desperation. Every description of Reform