

hold a difference of opinion. In like manner, the mere plea of being a Reformer or Anti-Reformer is not sufficient ground, of itself, for giving your votes at the approaching election. Other qualifications are requisite than the one of holding on this particular subject a similarity of opinion; and it would not be wise to choose a member of either party, unless on points of greater importance to your interests he is disposed to second your views, and use his best endeavours for what is evidently your welfare.

Amongst the first questions which will be discussed on the assembling of a new Parliament is one of vital importance to your interests. It becomes, therefore, highly necessary, in order to secure your own prosperity, that you support, with all your power and influence, such an individual as, from his known principles, will be most likely to watch over your welfare with the most jealous care.

On this subject let us examine coolly the doctrines held by the opposing parties.

The Whig, or, as they term themselves, the liberal party, boldly avow their intention of throwing open the ports, and admitting grain from every country, at whatever price it can be brought into the market.

The Tory party, on the contrary, wish to impose such a duty on the importation of foreign corn, as shall enable the home growers of that commodity to bring their grain into their own markets, without being subjected to undue competition from abroad.

From the high price of labour, the comparatively unproductive nature of the soil, and the expense necessary in carrying on the various operations of agriculture, Great Britain cannot compete on the score of cheapness with other countries, where the price of labour is less, the soil more fertile, and the expense of the farm operations trifling. The consequence must therefore be, that were a free trade in corn allowed, the proprietors and farmers of this country must suffer serious loss, if not actual ruin. The advocates of a free trade in corn argue, that the duty is so small as to be