

Oct 18th 1836

Mr Glashan in the Chair

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & confirmed

The Secretary read the Letter of J. B. Bernard for discussion as agreed to on the previous meeting.

After considerable discussion the following Resolutions were agreed to, they were introduced by the Secretary and being amended by Mr Watson were referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs Mitchel Moore Hoare and the Secretary for revision.

Resolved 1st

That the members of this Association have no confidence in either Whig or Tory government, believing both parties to be alike the enemies of just legislation and obstacles in the way of ever establishing peace and happiness in this country.

That therefore one of the especial objects of our union shall be to instruct and caution our brethren against helping directly or indirectly to pull down one of these parties and set up the other, as we feel convinced by so doing they will be instrumental in perpetrating their

own social and political degradation.

And without seeking any particular form or theory of government we nevertheless desire to have and we call upon our brethren to demand as a first an essential measure an equal voice in determining what laws shall be enacted or plans adopted for justly governing this country.

To this end we want Universal Suffrage, the protection of the Ballot, Annual Parliaments, Equal representation, and no Property Qualification for members.

With these grand objects in view we would caution our fellowmen not to be diverted away by paltry questions of policy or expediency; nor place any confidence in men who under the guise of reformers refused to repeal the rate paying clause by which the suffrage is limited, who resisted the plan of voting by ballot, and of shortening the duration of parliament. Who voted for the slavery of factory children and spurned the supplication of 90,000 hand loom weavers. Who repealed the Malt tax on one night and sapiently rescinded their motion on the next. Who hypocritically enquired into agricultural distress yet refused assistance or even to report thereon, And who, to complete the catalogue of their iniquity, have passed, supported, and lauded the infamous Poor Law Bills.

We are therefore ardently desirous that all minor questions should give place to the great one of equal political rights; and we now call upon our brethren to arouse from their apathy and to be active in the prosecution of this great object.

We also respectfully call upon the Farmers of England whose interests are greatly identified with ours, and who like us under the present