

If ~~the~~ ~~man~~ ~~had~~ This Letter will give the ~~young~~ leader, who ~~does~~ ^{is} not old enough to remember, or to have read Mr. Cobbett's Register at that time a pretty clear insight into the state of the case at this period of the proceedings; on the First Morning I made my way to the hustings and maintained the right of Election in the City of Bristol under every disadvantage but the support of the People, there was not one single Man that gave me any countenance or support beyond the Rank of a Journeyman but I had the great mass of the People with me, but then I had to contend single handed against all the Power, Wealth and Influence of all Parties and Factions in the City - The Whigs & Tories united with all their accumulated Forces against me - All the Corporation, all the Merchants, all the Tradesmen, all the Clergy & Priests of all persuasions Church of England & every denomination of Christianity. All these and all their dependents were Volunteers to support the most corrupt & profligate system of Election that ever disgraced the Cottagers of Rotten Boroughs - Then came a Legion of Hirelings, All the Attorneys, petty lawyers and all & all their clerks, scamps, & rascals, every man Jack of them were hired to back, and to bluster, & to bully, & such a lot there were that if all Hell had been ^{on} it would not have opposed such another gang; these Gentlemen who were as rapacious as Wolves & as hungry as Thieves, My Committee at my request in the evening landed me in a lot of these worthy Limbs of the Law & if I recollect right the number was forty one, I know it was one under or one over forty I do not know which - Whigs & Tories jumbled together like pigs in a sty, or rather like hungry furs of all sorts of breeds packed together. I believe the famous Mr. Webb & Hall who was a practicing attorney at that time in Bristol of the firm of Jarman & Hall, I believe this very profound Agricultural Quack of 1821 was in 1812 one of the Limbs of this Protomachy who were embodied in dreadful Phalanx against me. Oh how this gang did roar and bluster & pretend to be shocked & horrified at my impudence to think of opposing the amiable & mighty Candidate of the White Lion Club, there had never been a real Contested Election, since that of 1774 when Edmund Burke Esq. & Henry Cruger Esq. were elected for that City upon the opposition of Whig Interest against the late Earl Nugent and Matthew Brickdale Esq. at the next & General Election in 1780 the Ministerial faction returned both Members. From that period till 1812 says ^{Mr} Oldfield in his History of the Boroughs "the City of Bristol has been

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My dear Liverpool - now out you come or rather in you go into my book - now my good fellow
you are a Sad Chap never to write to me nor ever to come & see me while you could - Did you ever
see anything equal to the malignity of these damnable Villains - was there ever any thing so mean
so pitiful or so cruel? Was there ever a man so persecuted under such circumstances since
the days of Jesus Christ and the Jews - in fact the Jews were more merciful to Jesus Christ
than these infernal Wretches are to me - But no more of this I am sorry there is not one
Friend in London to collect an expression of Public Opinion upon the occasion - If the public
do not speak by God the Villains will attempt my life - Hardly the new keeper is really a
good creature & is terrified at my treatment & he has told the Villains so
But they have not the souls to forgive the exposures I have made - They do not forget the True
Bristol Elections & the public Meetings I have carried in this County -
But now Liverpool, do pray conceal me when my memory fails Liverpool see any thing that
occurs to you as you go along - as you know all about the Bristol Elections as well as I
do only take care to keep the circumstances of the True Elections separate - It was
not Johnny Laskley that took the summons over to the Committee - You can introduce a
great deal upon slips of paper when you see occasion - I have written to Bristol for
documents I have none - all memory - Thank God my health is improved since I got
medical aid - And my spirits were never better - You will say persecution agrees with me
I thank you if it were not for my poor family I should court it - But the Villains know
where to wound in the most acute part God bless you Yours faithfully
H. Hunt

Scotch this out with the Pen make any alterations with regard to yourself
You like only my first phrase of you must not be touched not diminished neans add any
thing you think you are