



To the Electors of the Co. of Norfolk.

GENTLEMEN —

I would earnestly draw your attention to a few facts connected with the present Parliamentary Election. It is undoubtedly the most important contest in which you have been called to exercise your rights as electors.

The candidates before you are both home men, bred and raised in the County, and as to private standing equal in all respects. But at the present moment they occupy a public position, and must be dealt with accordingly. Mr. Powell is among you asking re-election after four years service as your representative. Mr. Walsh is ambitious to occupy the position filled by Mr. Powell. Mr. Powell is in opposition to the present Ministry, who have perpetrated such gross acts of injustice towards Upper Canada. Mr. Walsh is in favour of continuing the present state of things for four or ten years longer. Under these circumstances the election is a most important one for the whole Province, and Upper Canada more especially.

In 1857, Mr. Powell was returned under well defined principles and pledges, all of which he has faithfully carried out according to your freely expressed wishes. He now comes before you to render an account of his stewardship; and I defy the man to point, truthfully, to a single instance in which Mr. Powell has not discharged his trust according to the pledges given before his election.

Now, Gentlemen, if you elected Mr. Powell to carry out certain measures which you deemed necessary for the good of the country, and during the four years he has been your representative, you have ever found him doing battle in behalf of those measures, faithfully discharging the duties you imposed upon him.—Then, if this is the case, and I say it is, and a large majority of the electors will carry me out in saying so, by their votes at the polls.—Then, gentlemen, is it wise? is it fair? to condemn Mr. Powell for not doing, what it is clear to us all, it was impossible to accomplish. The fact is plain, you either voted wrong in 1857, and did not know how to exercise the rights of freemen, or you must sustain Mr. Powell and place him at the head of the poll on the 8th and 9th insts.

What, Gentlemen, is the prospect should Mr. Walsh possibly gain the election? In the first place he is notoriously a novice in Parliamentary business; he may be an efficient Registry clerk, but outside that office he is completely afloat. He is evidently a bad subject for Parliamentary honors; his father is an office holder; his brother is an office holder; and he is an office SEEKER. Is it natural, I ask you, gentlemen, for Mr. Walsh, who expects an office from the present Ministry, to say—“Gentlemen, you have