

FREE AND INDEPENDENT ELC- TORS OF THE COUNTY OF RUSSELL.

GENTLEMEN :

Allow me to assure you of my unfeigned acknowledgement of gratitude and respect for your kind and disinterested support during the late election ; for, notwithstanding the decided advantage my honorable opponent had over me, in having the election held at New Edinburgh, where he has extensive mills, plenty of money at his command, and supported by some of the most wealthy and respectable persons in this part of the country, he had but a majority of seven votes over me, after a contest of six days. With all these advantages over me, together with the defection of some of my own countrymen, whom I have strong reason to suspect were influenced in their opposition to me through religious bigotry and corruption, I had to retire from the hustings wholly satisfied that I had done my duty honorably and constitutionally, and that you had done yours. It gives me infinite satisfaction to find that after all the turmoil that usually attends an election, that not a word or gesture has been used that would reflect