

its existence, and its aim—remembering the many sad experiences of men at first its instruments, and then its victims, and seeing too that the clergy, *whatever they might wish* are prevented, from openly attempting their liberty, by the very oaths, &c. that fetter them. They should suspect, too, a popular outcry—a thing easily raised when a well organized system has the ignorant, and bigotted, and discontented to play upon—as in Spain, that for the Inquisition, in Portugal against the Constitution, and here for unqualified Emancipation. But especially over and over again, I would say, let ENGLAND remember that this is her cause—that we have a common legislature, a united Church, a united Kingdom—let her then, if there be weight in any thing we have urged or might urge—and remark, all our arguments are *general*, scarcely a word said of Ireland peculiarly, all the great mischiefs must come from a legislature, common to the three countries!—Let her then as I said STAND UP in defence of the Constitution—let her freeholders assemble, like the brave men of Kent, and display to representatives the sentiments of those they serve; and thus the flame of civil and religious liberty will spread itself.

And why should not Brunswick Clubs too, for the present, arise there?—unless some better plan be found for uniting Nobles, Clergy, Yeomanry, and Gentry, in expression of sentiment, and defence of liberty, some better plan for—promoting petitions—preventing, as they have already largely done, the emigration of our scared and persecuted Protestant tenantry—interrupting that stillness and silence, which have been so long a triumph to our opponents, and even to our best friends a doubt, and dread, and misconstruction;—and shewing to the country the learning, talent, numbers, property—the pre-eminences of heart and head upon our side—shewing, in a word, WHAT WE FEEL, and WHAT WE ARE!—I see, at this moment, no better plan for effecting all these things, and therefore I have joined them, and advise their formation: no doubt, against them, something may be said—but at this crisis they are so necessary, that *but for them* perhaps—within one small year, the Constitution might be sacrificed!—Let them then be formed in England. The mode of creating them, my Lord, is exceedingly simple. If two or three gentlemen, in every town, will appoint a time and place of meeting, and communicate the fact, some friends to the Constitution will attend. Whether they be few or many, let them form a Club, and name its officers, and before a week hundreds will flock to join them! And thus a Briareus will arise with a hundred arms in defence of liberty!—and his Stentorian voice will be heard by the country; and if that voice be clearly heard, then, in the worst possible case, there is still a hope and a remedy. A dissolution of Parliament might prevent a representative body from opposing the feelings, or sacrificing the interests of its constituency!

Meantime, while danger overhangs, let Brunswick Clubs continue, and disappear along with the danger; let them prove that their aim is to