

destroy all institutions. Under constitutional government the people rule through representatives elected to represent them for a stated term, bound in honor to hold to their election pledges, and to remember that their duty is to act as representatives of the electors, not to substitute their own ideas for the views of those they represent. Abraham Lincoln, in memorable words gave a definition of Democracy, as government of the people, by the people, for the people, and to that definition nothing material can be added. Another great statesman defined it as trust in the people, tempered with prudence. When not only his own fate as President and the fate of his party, but also the fate of the Union hung in the balance, Abraham Lincoln made no attempt to defer elections but trusted the people with the happiest result.

The franchise is not a reward or gift which it is within the power of any government to grant or withhold, but a sacred right of which no qualified voter can justly be deprived and to which all women are entitled equally with men whenever the people decide on extending the suffrage to them. If one woman is entitled to the suffrage, all are, for fancy franchises cannot be reconciled with democratic principles, nor what is more important, with even-handed justice. The grand old Chartist prin-