

particularly by his brother, and which, in proportion to their means, have been surpassed by none of his Majesty's subjects, let them be who they may. Yet you assure me (and without thinking necessary any observations whatever as to the cause of dismissal) that you have to struggle with some difficulties in accomplishing the dismissal of this gentleman from a place, which, according to the usual custom, is not liable to feel the effects of ministerial revolutions! It is quite unnecessary to trouble you with any conclusion drawn from these facts; and the facts themselves would not have been stated had they not been such as to render complete my defence against your former complaints, by exhibiting in a light still stronger the inconsistency, before noticed, of attaching any importance whatever to the public expression of my opinions. So radically differing as we do upon so many matters of feeling, an agreement in which is absolutely necessary to an harmonious and useful intercourse, I now put an end to that intercourse, with an expression of my unfeigned thanks for the many marks of friendship and of kindness which you have shown towards me, and with praying that your health may enable you so to exert the powers of your great and enlightened mind as to render the merit of having largely contributed to the salvation of England, a subject to be inscribed upon your tomb. With these sentiments, sincerely felt, and thus solemnly expressed, I remain, Sir, your most humble and obedt. servant,

WM. COBBETT.

P.S.—When you have described your plan in Parliament, mine, I will thank you to return to me, at No. 5, Panton Square, because from the papers I have I could not make out a re-statement, without, perhaps, material omissions.¹

¹ Add. MSS. 37853, f. 223.