

Wonder is, not that revolt failed so utterly,
but that so many farmers and labourers
with everything at stake, plodded across
the fields in early December, armed only
with staves, pitch-forks, bludgeons and,
in a few cases, light rifles, to join
forces which assembled at Montgomery's
Tavern in this very county;

The Leaders of the Early Reform Movement:

While they had a grasp of the broad principles for which they
strove, they were not visionaries, but
eminently practical men -

Interested in the day-to-day problems of the
people and sought to remove the injustices
and the difficulties in their daily lives
to which the existing system gave rise;

Reform Leaders -

For the most part, they were educated and intelligent
individuals, many of them well-to-do, who
commanded the respect of their fellow
citizens -