

Citizens and Fellow-Countrymen!  
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## Citizens, & Fellow-Countrymen!

EIGHT Hundred Thousand of your Fellow-Subjects are held in Slavery in the West Indies, the Mauritius, and the Cape of Good Hope, where they are bought and sold like the beasts of the field, and deprived of all their natural and civil rights, for no other crime than that of wearing a black skin, which God gave them. Will Englishmen, lovers of Liberty, return Members to a British House of Parliament who uphold a system so degrading to the British character, and destructive of the happiness of their fellow-creatures?

Put the following questions to those who wish to become your Representatives, and, if they do not give a satisfactory answer, withhold your Vote :

*Ques.* Have British subjects a right to Liberty?

*Ans.* They have.

*Ques.* Will you support that right?

*Ans.* I will.

*Ques.* Will you endeavour to procure for every subject of the Crown of England the three great and primary *rights* of every British-born subject—personal security, personal liberty, and private property? (*Blackstone.*)

*Ans.* I will.

*Ques.* Will you support a system which has one law for the Rich and another for the Poor?

*Ans.* I will not.

*Ques.* Will you on all occasions unite to carry into effect the following declaration of King William the Fourth—  
 “To protect the Rights and Liberties, and to *promote the prosperity and happiness, of all classes* of my people?”

*Ans.* I will, to the utmost of my power.

*Ques.* Then, to be consistent with your declarations, will you vote for the Abolition of SLAVERY throughout the British Dominions?

*Ans.* I will.

Then you shall have my Vote.

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