

**TO THE**  
**INDEPENDENT ELECTORS OF THE**  
**SOUTH RIDING OF LEEDS.**

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GENTLEMEN,

In again appearing before you as a Candidate to Represent your interest in the Legislature, I do so not from any vain aspiration of my own, but from a desire to act in accordance with the views of the Reform Electors of this Riding, as expressed by the unanimous voice of a Convention held at Beverley. Flattering as it is, was I to act in accordance with my own feelings, I would respectfully decline. In acquiescing in their wishes, however, I would beg to state, that should I again be honored with a Seat in Parliament, I should feel bound to use every exertion in my power to promote the interest of the Country, and of this Riding in particular; and of my short-ecomings, of which there may be many, I must beg your indulgence.

My Parliamentary career has been but very brief, therefore, my catalogue of sins, both of omission and commission, must be short; my acts are before you for your approval or disapproval; my vote in opposition to the amendment to the Address in answer to the Speech from the Throne, I think justifiable on these grounds:—

Firstly, The Ministry had declared their intention of advising a dissolution of the House immediately after passing certain measures, with which all parties appeared satisfied;—

Secondly, The seeming unfairness of passing important measures, such as the Bill for the Secularization of the Clergy Reserves, and to abolish the Seigneurial Tenure, without the aid of the increased Representation, or the Extension of the Franchise.

I am in favor of public improvements, and would freely give my support to obtain a charter for any private company anxious to embark in any work of that kind.

I am an advocate of liberal support to schools, and am of opinion, should we be so fortunate as to carry a Bill to Secularize the Clergy Reserves, that the most judicious application of the funds arising from that source, would be to apply them solely to the purposes of education.

I would be pleased to see introduced into our country an improved system of Agriculture. Being myself a practical farmer, I, in common with my brother Agriculturists, feel most sensibly the great loss our country annually sustains by our imperfect mode of Agriculture, I would therefore advocate a liberal grant to each County throughout the Province, for the purpose of purchasing and carrying on a Model Farm on scientific principles.

I would press on the consideration of the Government, not only the propriety, but the necessity of establishing a permanent Seat of Government, and thereby save to the country the enormous loss and expense attending the present system.

I will support a Prohibitory Liquor Law, subject, however, to its ratification by a vote of the people.

Should I be elected, I shall endeavor so to act in my representative capacity as will be best calculated to secure equal civil and religious rights to all classes and creeds, without distinction.

In conclusion, I trust you will not think me unworthy of your support at the ensuing Election.

I am, Gentlemen, yours Respectfully,

**JESSE DELONG.**

South Crosby, July 15, 1854.

TO THE  
INDEPENDENT ELECTORS OF THE  
SOUTH RIDING OF LEEDS

GENTLEMEN,

In writing proposing before you as a candidate to represent your interests in the Legislature I do so not with any anticipation of my own, but from a desire to act in accordance with the views of the Independent Electors of this Riding as expressed by the unanimous voice of a Convention held at Hovewery. I believe as it is, was I to act in accordance with my own feelings I would have been decidedly hostile. In proposing in their favour however, I would beg to state, that should I be elected with a seat in Parliament, I should be bound to use every exertion in my power to secure the interests of the County, and of the Riding in particular, and of my constituents. I believe that many of you will be glad to hear that I have not any objection to be elected, and that I believe that I shall be able to do you good in every way in my power; my only objection is that I should be bound to the members in answer to the speech from the Throne, I think I should be able to do so.

I am in favor of public improvements, and would freely give my support to obtain a charter for any private company anxious to embark in any work of that kind.

I am an advocate of liberal support to schools, and an ardent supporter of the Leeds every Bill to encourage the Clergy, and the most judicious application of the funds arising from that source, would be to apply them solely to the purposes of education.

I would be pleased to see introduced into our country an improved system of Agriculture. Being myself a practical farmer, I am convinced that our countrymen feel most sensibly the great loss our country annually sustains by our imperfect mode of Agriculture, I would therefore advocate a liberal grant to each County throughout the Kingdom, for the purpose of purchasing and carrying on a Model Farm on scientific principles.

I would press on the consideration of the Government, not only the propriety, but the necessity of establishing a permanent Bill of Government, and thereby give to the country the permanent and certain mode of the present system.

I will support a Parliamentary Bill now law subject, however to its limitation by a vote of the House.

Should I be elected, I shall endeavor so to act in my representative capacity as will be best calculated to promote your civil and religious rights to all classes and creeds, without distinction. In conclusion, I trust you will not think me unworthy of your support at the ensuing Election.

I am, Gentlemen, your Respectfully,

JESSE DELONG

South Clergy, July 10, 1854

*Delong's Address*  
*July 1854*  
*Electors*