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DOG IN THE MANGER;
"I can't and I shan't let you!"

HORSHAM once more occupies a distinguished position. Mr. R.H. Hurst is unseated for bribery through his Agents, and the election is declared void. So far, so good. It is quite the old, old story with Horsham; but at the same time we have no sympathy whatever with those who have instituted these proceedings. What is now the condition of things? Colonel ALDRIDGE, the petitioner, does not claim the seat. Perhaps he could not meet the recriminatory charges; and the utmost that could be brought against the sitting Member was that his Agent, with a mistaken zeal, had paid a few shillings to five or six needy voters to travel by train and give their votes. There was scarcely the imputation of bribery; for the whole of the expenses of the election were but £00 or £400; and if Mr. HURST'S persecutors rejoice in unseating him upon the trivial imputations brought forward, who will envy them? We do not speak with any political bias; for we care not twopence whether Horsham is represented by a Liberal or a Conservative, indeed the Borough might adopt the Teetotaller if it liked; but we dislike the affected show of purity which has unseated Mr. HURST upon the most frivolous and petty grounds.

The enquiry, indeed, shows Mr. HURST to have acted with an honourable desire throughout; and although he comes out of the fray in the condition of the well-known historical jackdaw who "prigged" the Cardinal's ring, he will stand none the less admired by the people of Horsham. - *West Sussex Gazette*, Feb. 17, 1876.

ELECTORS OF HORSHAM

Let your opinion of "Conservative and Constitutional" dog-in-the-mangerism be shown by your Votes at the coming Election.

VOTE FOR
MR. CLIFTON BROWN!

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