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## To the Independent Electors of the Borough of Horsham

GENTLEMEN,---

As a short time only will elapse before the dissolution of Parliament, I take the earliest opportunity of announcing to you, that it is my intention again to solicit at your hands the Honorable [sic.] Trust, which, five years ago, you committed to me, of representing you in the House of Commons.

I have endeavoured, during that period, to pursue an independent course, without reference to party considerations, and to maintain those Principles of Civil and Religious Liberty, which I have always professed. It is impossible that, in the votes I have given, I could be found always to coincide in opinion with all of those who have done me the honor [sic.] to support me; but, in giving those votes, I have had but on object in view, to support, without fear or favor [sic.], what I believed, on mature reflection, to be for the advantage of the country.

Should you do me the honor to re-elect me, I shall pursue the same independent course, enforcing, to the utmost of my power, a reduction of the National Burdens, and a strict economy in the expenditure, so far as is consistent with maintaining the efficiency the necessary National Establishments.

As there is still much business of importance before Parliament, which will require my attendance, a few days will elapse before I can personally explain my views on many subjects of present interest, but I propose doing so at the earliest opportunity, and in the meantime subscribe myself,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obliged and faithful Servant,

WM. R. SYMOUR V. FITZGERALD.

Holbrook, March 9, 1857.