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Parliamentary Election, December, 1910.

HARBOROUGH DIVISION.



Yours faithfully,

John W. Digby

Central Committee Room :

9, ST. MARTIN'S, LEICESTER.

To the Electors of the Harborough Division of Leicestershire.

GENTLEMEN,

That Mr. Lehmann is unable to continue his representation of the Harborough Division is a matter of the deepest regret to me, as it must be to every elector in the constituency who values whole-hearted and able service.

I am, however, glad to find myself sufficiently restored to health to enable me to once more undertake the duties of a Member of Parliament, and at the unanimous request of the representative Liberals of the Harborough Division, I have pleasure in placing my services at your disposal.

My views on the chief questions now before the country are well known to all of you, and as this Election is intended to settle the paramount one, I need not weary you by reviewing the whole, but will content myself with saying that during my retirement I have seen no reason to cancel or qualify the opinions on which you elected me on four successive occasions. What I was then I am still.

During our whole lives the action of the House of Lords has excited our regret and indignation by its hostility to, and defeat of, nearly every measure that has been intended to ameliorate the condition of the weakest among us, or to do justice. The time and labour of our elected representatives have been wasted whenever they have sought to effect some great and useful reform. This we have endured with a patience beyond belief,

but when they claim the right to tax us, it is time we came to grips with them. Four-fifths of the Peers arrogate to themselves the right to rule us by the accident of birth, and it is on such slender grounds that they presume to exercise greater power than seven-and-a-half million electors or the King.

Mr. Asquith and his colleagues have done their best to find a basis of agreement, whereby the present Election might have been avoided, but the Peers have slammed the door in their faces; they would concede nothing to reason.

Now the time for action has come, and if the majority of the Electors of the Harborough Division are unwilling to suffer further indignities at the hands of the House of Lords—as I feel sure they are—I shall be pleased to act as their spokesman.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. LOGAN.

East Langton Grange,

Market Harborough,

28th November, 1910.