

CUR OWN HISTORY.  
TO THE IMPERIAL CHARTISTS.

My DEAR, MY ONLY FRIENDS,  
I am going to write you the history of  
OUR OWN TIMES: not of the Edwards,  
the Henrys, the Jameses, the Charleses, or the  
Georges—empty, useless BLOCKHEADS—  
whose names are preserved as pegs to hang  
the events of their times upon—stop-gaps, lest  
there should be an empty space in the country's  
history.

I have chosen this subject for the purpose  
of drawing your attention to the fact, that the  
people, and not monarchs or their rulers, have  
caused every important change noted by his-  
torians, and to prepare you for the greatest  
change of all which is now coming—I say the  
greatest of all, because it will be universal.  
I begin with the American revolution, and shall  
confine myself to events of which historians  
DARE not yet write in their real character.  
The American Revolution was the origin of  
the French Revolution, and was the recruiting  
sergeant of the "IRISH VOLUNTEERS."  
The revolutionists of France were all-powerful,  
as were the Irish volunteers, from the terror  
that combination struck to the heart of the  
English Cabinet and the English oligarchy;  
but both revolutions—the physical revolution of  
France and the moral revolution of Ire-  
land—failed to confer the anticipated benefit  
upon the SOLDIERS, although the officers  
had more than their full share of plunder.  
The revolutionists of France did undoubtedly  
destroy some great grievances, but they failed  
to confer upon the people that political power  
which could alone preserve the advantages  
achieved, and the result was the creation of a  
military despot, whose first aim was the sup-  
pression of the very form of government, to  
support which power was conferred upon him.  
NAPOLEON destroyed every Republic that  
he found in existence, depopulated the fields to  
recruit his armies, and made the women of  
France work in the fields and guardians of the  
homesteads, while their husbands were tri-  
umphing over the very principles for which  
France was roused to contend.

In Ireland, CHARLEMONT, and his gang  
of plunderers, sold the soldiers when they had  
frightened the English Cabinet into those  
terms which gave to their order the representa-  
tion and entire patronage of the country;  
and when the Catholic soldiers asked CHAR-  
LEMONT to march forward for the FULL,  
FREE, AND FAIR representation of the  
whole people in the COMMONS' HOUSE,  
the answer of the TRIUMPHANT PRO-  
TESTANT chief, who had made his terms  
with the English Ministry, was—"I WILL  
CONTEND FOR NO CHANGE WHICH  
DOES NOT RECOGNISE PROTESTANT  
ASCENDANCY AS THE BASIS OF THE  
CONSTITUTION." Now, what think you  
of the reply of the PROTESTANT GEN-  
ERAL to his CATHOLIC SOLDIERS?—  
and always bear in mind that the "Irish  
asses bell" was PROTESTANT OPPRES-  
SION of the CATHOLIC PEOPLE;  
and yet the poor Irish have been told, over  
and over again, that CHARLEMONT  
was a name to CONJURE WITH—Yea,  
verily, it would call up DEVILS.  
The French Revolution led to the Irish Rebellion,  
and Arthur O'Connor and Lord Edward  
Fitzgerald were deputed by the Irish Directory,  
to make terms with the French Directory, not,  
as the English Crown has interpreted the  
act, for the invasion of Ireland by a foreign  
army, but to assist the Irish in destroying the  
power of the English oligarchy in Ireland,  
and to destroy the tyranny of the Protes-  
tant church in Ireland, and above and be-  
fore all, to secure for the whole people  
a full, free, and fair representation in the  
COMMONS' HOUSE of Parliament. The gov-  
ernment, of course, had their spies, and your  
gold was lavished to precipitate the revolution,  
before Ireland was prepared for it. However,  
to take the rebellion as a fact, it injured rather  
than served the Irish people. But now, mark  
the results. The success of the Americans led  
to the French Revolution. The French Revo-  
lution compelled the English Cabinet to  
make some slight concessions to the Irish Ca-  
tholic voters. The Irish Rebellion led to a  
union with England, upon the understanding  
that, in St. Stephen's alone, away from angry  
passions, could the grievances of the Irish Ca-  
tholics be calmly discussed, upon the pledge of  
the English Ministry that one of the first acts  
of the United Parliament should be Catholic  
Emancipation; and there were also eight Ar-  
ticles of Union agreed upon, every one of which  
has been violated over and over again, and  
what was called Emancipation was deferred for  
twenty-nine years, and then only conferred  
honours and places on the rich, and left the  
poor precisely where they were, with this dif-  
ference, indeed, that they were saddled with  
two sets of plunderers; they were compelled to  
carry double.

But I am showing you, not the good that has  
been done, but the terror out of which changes  
have sprung, and that of good invariably  
stopped at the leaders' doors. Lord Grey  
struggled for the Reform Bill for forty-one  
years, but it would not have passed even when  
it did, but for the THREE GLORIOUS  
DAYS as they are called, when the French de-  
posed a FOOL, and substituted a KNAVE.  
I now turn to the events which circumstances  
promise, and that right speedily. The Repub-  
licans of France are once more in the field,  
and the King of the French is preparing his  
soldiers for the struggle, and the press of the  
King is preparing the public mind for the ac-  
tion which the King is resolved upon. If he  
can preserve peace at home, and if the repub-  
licans can make a successful FEINT or bug-  
baggan, he will have his camps of domestic ope-  
ration while he is smoothing the way for his son  
to the throne of Spain, and as I told you in 1843,  
this is the commencement of the struggle of the  
LEAGUE OF PEOPLES against the  
LEAGUE OF KINGS, and I write the  
letter to warn you of the FUTURE by the  
PAST. You must be noodles if you are not  
convinced that your rulers will have a finger in  
the pie; and you must be dots, if you do not  
feel assured that French diplomacy, which is  
based upon the POUCHÉ SPY SYSTEM,  
will be set to work here in ENGLAND and  
IRELAND, to attract MINISTERIAL AT-  
TENTION TO DOMESTIC CONFESSION,  
while the FOX OF FRANCE is playing his old  
game, a change, and a great change, will, ere  
long, come from abroad.

FRENCH MONEY AND FRENCH  
SPYS, RUSSIAN MONEY, and RUSSIAN  
SPYS, will be the agency by which  
LOUIS PHILIPPE and NICHOLAS  
will fight the English minister; while I, the  
REVOLUTIONIST and DESTRUCTOR,  
am the first to caution you against the secret  
enemy. Nay more, some of our quondam  
friends will be found in the FRENCH and  
RUSSIAN RANKS, and HIGH PER-  
SONAGES WILL BE ENLISTED.  
BUT YOU, THE CHARTISTS, MUST  
ADMIT OF NO FOREIGN QUESTION,  
OR QUARRELS OR DISPUTES,  
BEING MIXED UP WITH YOUR  
CAUSE. IF YOU DO, YOU ARE  
RUINED, UNDONE, AND DE-  
STROYED. THINK OF HOME, AND  
ONLY HOME, AND BE PREPARED  
TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHAT  
MAY HAPPEN ABROAD, BUT GIVE  
THE LAW AND THE PERSECUTOR  
NO HANDLE TO ASSAULT YOU.  
The professions of WAITERS upon PROVI-  
DENCE, who are not ready to pledge them-  
selves to the CHARTER TO OBTAIN SEATS,  
should convince you of the terror of OUR

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ARMS. In God's name, then, do not allow the  
cause that has braved the BATTLE and the  
BREEZE, the DUNGEON and the  
SCAFFOLD, to be SULLIED by IN-  
TEMPERANCE and FOLLY. Have  
NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH  
ANY FOREIGN MOVEMENT. Let  
Englishmen, and Irishmen, and Scotchmen,  
work together for England, Ireland, and  
Scotland—let Frenchmen work for France,  
Russians for Russia, and Prussians for Prussia.  
I WILL WORK ONLY FOR "HOMIE,  
SWEET HOME," AND ACCURSED BE  
THE DESTROYER WHO SHALL  
ATTEMPT TO BALK US OF OUR  
VICTORY. Can you not learn a lesson  
from the press of the factious? Do you not  
see that the "Times" is fearful of doing the  
world know that we are up and doing. In its  
MARKET NOTE of candidates, all space is  
devoted to LITTLE JOHN and LONDON,  
while for Blackburn, we are told that  
Hargreaves and Pilkington are the only  
candidates who have offered, though Robert's  
splendid address is on the walls. Not a word  
about Halifax, the nest of the EXCHE-  
QUER CHANCELLOR; not a word  
about Nottingham, the REFUGE FOR  
THE DESTITUTE; not a syllable about  
Derby. O no, it would not do to show even  
the shadow of our might, but yet it will be  
seen. Now you should glory in this neglect,  
or, rather, insolence of the press, and rest as-  
sured that its power, except for advertising  
and BEGGING ALMS OF BUTCHERS,  
is fast fading away. The people are now all  
politicians, as the "Times" and its masters will  
learn when next we meet. When exploded  
Whiggery and blooming Chartism meet upon  
the hustings, before the people. I should not  
be at all astonished if, failing a HOME CRY,  
the Whigs were even yet to raise a  
FOREIGN HOWL.

But, poor men! men who live upon the  
sweat of your OWN BROWS! hear me from  
"My cold quiet home—"  
STAND FAST BY YOUR ORDER,  
AND LET NOTHING SHAKE YOU.  
I have intended to extend my remarks, but  
a friend has just sent me the DAILY NEWS  
of the 19th, as it is called, though it should  
be called the DAILY WEEKLY INTELLI-  
GENCE, and I must say a word in  
reply. Your faithful friend,  
FEARGUS O'CONNOR.

TO MR. CROW,  
THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY NEWS."  
Sir.—As I am not acquainted with your  
Christian name, I will take the liberty of styling  
you "Jim."  
I here reprint a bit of what you doubtless  
intended as a "LEADING ARTICLE" in your  
THIRTEENPenny GO of the 19th.

Once for all, let us make the matter plain by  
reference to facts, which your friends in the Irish  
popular party cannot deny. We need not go beyond  
the Southern Reporter's own locality, the county of  
Cork. What kind of representatives, we ask, have  
the members of that great county sent into Parlia-  
ment since 1832? By a great majority they elected  
the fantastic adventurer, Feergus O'Connor. They  
selected him in preference to liberals of tried char-  
acter and known worth. For his colleague they  
selected a gentleman of excellent private character,  
but without any public talents, and with a fortune  
as moderate as his abilities—a most respectable man  
in his own sphere of life, but utterly ridiculous when  
dubbed "knight of the shire"—Mr. Standish Barry.  
For nine years that gentleman was member for the  
largest county in Ireland, and those acquainted with  
the House of Commons can testify that he was a  
mere nonentity. He sat in Parliament for a series  
of years, and never exerted himself further than to  
say "yea" or "nay." A gentleman who considers  
it a mark of social distinction to call himself  
"Doctor," who feels that his personal rank is in-  
creased by that prefix, and who is returned by the  
Cork electors as member for the first county in  
Ireland! Feergus O'Connor, Standish Barry,  
Doctor Maurice Power—are these, forsooth, the  
kind of public men best suited to the exigencies of  
such a country as Ireland?

Let us not hold the repeal apologists  
that we exercise too aristocratic a standard  
for the Irish members. We have no aristocratic  
prejudices to gratify on such a subject.  
If a man of rank and fortune, without ability  
or public virtue, aspire to the senate, he ought  
to be strenuously opposed, in our opinion.  
The late statesman and the politician, Mr.  
Edmund Burke Roche, one of the members for Cork  
Co., by no means fails for that gentleman's in-  
fluence and want of talent. Mr. Roche was absent  
from parliament during nearly all the session in  
this eventful year. The dying O'Connor made an  
error of the last moment, and gave the seat to  
his colleague, Mr. Roche, who remained in Ireland attending  
to his own affairs. Mr. Roche (Edmund Burke—save  
the mark!) at the end of this session delivered him-  
self up to the "Irish party" in terms so  
unjust, that he was rebuked in the House of Com-  
mons by one of his own party. Now, just as we re-  
spect to a friend like Feergus O'Connor, or a mere  
object to a friend like Standish Barry, so do we denounce  
to the election of a notorious political scoundrel like  
Mr. Edmund Burke Roche. The famous patronage of  
this gentleman, however one of his feeble abilities,  
presents as ludicrous a combination of ideas as we  
have heard of William Shakespeare's Bishopric, or Isaac  
Newton's Ferra!

Sheridan once said that "he was too poor to afford  
dressing shabbily" and in the same way Ireland  
could not afford such a class of representatives as the  
Feergus O'Connors, Standish Barrys, Burke Roches,  
&c. &c. If Ireland were a country where the  
selfish population like the Scotch, she might be  
comparatively educated as to her mere political  
representatives, but, in her present position it is a  
matter of the last importance to give political  
power to those best qualified to wield it for the  
advantage of her people, and to afford credit on their  
country by their intellect and conduct.

Now, sir, you came out as a liberal to edit  
the Experimental Press of Bradbury  
and Evans, two stationers, and here I give you a  
word of your liberalism. In the paragraph pre-  
ceding those I have republished you say,  
"We have no faith in the quantity of acres  
or gold a candidate may possess, but, as SO-  
CITY is CONSTITUTED, it is almost a  
matter of necessity THAT MEMBERS OF  
PARLIAMENT SHOULD BE TAKEN  
FROM THE INFLUENTIAL CLASSES."

Now, then, friend Jim, what will the world  
think of your liberalism. Acres and gold con-  
fer influence; you don't care for the acres or  
gold; but you must have those who pos-  
sess them. Man alive! go back to where  
you have picked up a smattering of what  
you believe to be political knowledge, or  
confine yourself to the counter of Bradbury  
and Evans, but don't, Mr. Crow, because you  
happen to have a gilded goose quill put into  
your hand, write yourself down for an ASS.

What do you know about the county of Cork,  
of Ireland, or Irishmen? You upstart knob-  
stick who is the "fantastic adventurer" in the  
man who refuses gold, place, and honours for  
his convictions; or the man who sits placid,  
and hears and obeys the following orders from  
BRADBURY: "Crow, our politics are not  
answer, the people are too poor even for three  
pence a day."

Crow: "Well, what's your wish; shall we  
be less liberal, or what think you of moderate  
conservatism?"  
BRADBURY: "Well, really I've not made  
up my mind, but I'll consult."  
Crow: "Well, let me know the result and  
I'll act accordingly."  
Now, Mr. Crow, barring acres or gold, is  
that the description of INFLUENTIAL  
MAN you want for an M.P.?

You lately said that Mr. O'Connell regretted  
having forced me upon the constituency of the  
County Cork. Booby! I made the constituency,  
and, on my second election, O'Connell and all  
his relatives worked heaven and earth to  
thrust me in. In 1833-4 I gave him a taste  
of my INFLUENCE and independence, and in  
1835 his bosom friend, Major Macnamara, was  
on my committee, and voted black was white  
to unsettle me. I'll tell you a fact, Jim. In  
October, 1832, I met O'Connell at dinner at  
Dr. Baldwin's. I had never seen him before, and  
he said, "Well, Mr. O'Connor, you have  
undertaken a task that no other man in Ireland  
would attempt. You can't succeed, but you'll  
have the aristocracy a tremendous shake." Now,  
that was O'Connell's aid to me. In the same  
month he was invited to a public dinner, got  
up to assist my election, but he refused to  
attend. Was that help, Jim? I returned his  
son John against all hope for Youghal, and  
Jacobs against hope, when O'Connell despair-  
ed for Dungarvan. And hear this, JIM-FOOL  
CROW, I never took even my TRAVEL-  
LING EXPENSES from any man whose  
principles I approved of, and I never worked  
for any other, and when O'Connell offered me  
a huge bribe to go over to Carlow as counsel  
for Raphael, I declined the GOLD and the  
HONOUR, Jim; BUT THAT'S NOT THE  
MAN YOU WANT. You poor stationers'  
tool! mind your clipping and your prostitution,  
and allow MEN TO DO MEN'S WORK.

Yours, Jim,  
FEARGUS O'CONNOR.

Election Movements.  
THE IMPENDING ELECTIONS.—It is important  
to know that county elections cannot take place  
earlier than the 10th, nor later than the 16th day  
from the time of the proclamation, which must be  
made within two days after the receipt of the writ.  
In boroughs, four days' notice of the election is  
required, and the election must not be deferred longer  
than eight days after the receipt of the precept,  
which is issued by the Sheriff to the various return-  
ing officers within their respective boroughs.—Sun.

CHARTIST CANDIDATES.  
NATIONAL REGISTRATION AND CENTRAL ELECTION  
COMMITTEE.—At a meeting of its members held at  
the Assembly Rooms, 33, Dean-street, Soho, on  
Tuesday evening, July 20, Mr. John Simpson in  
the chair, Messrs Standish Barry and Thomas  
M'Grath had agreed to present the Derby petition  
to the House of Commons. It was announced that  
Mr. M'Grath had resolved to contend for Derby at the  
coming general election. A letter was also read,  
setting forth that the people of the North had made  
arrangements to take Mr. Thomas Clark to the  
county of York. On the motion of Mr. Standish Barry,  
it was resolved that Mr. Julian Harney be requested  
to comply with the wish of the members of Tiverton,  
and offer himself as a candidate for the representation of  
that borough. A letter was also read from the  
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**DANFORTH**—A special general meeting will be at the Artichoke Inn, William-street, on Wednesday evening next, July 28th, when the merits of the various candidates for this borough, will be discussed.

**RADFORD**—On Monday evening next, a meeting will be held in the Denham-street Church to adopt the suggestion of Mr O'Connor in his Thursday's Star.

**HAIKAPAX**—A district delegate meeting of the Chartist of this locality will be held on Sunday next, at the Working Man's Hall, Ballinacorney lane, Haikapax, at 10 o'clock. The delegates will be from the localities of St. John's, when Stainland, Greatland, Rippin, Queenshead, Elland, Ilksworth, Midgley, W. Sowerby, and every other place in this locality are expected to send a delegate. Business of importance will be brought before the meeting connected with the localities.

**HELL**—The Chartist will meet at the Ship Church Lane, on Sunday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

**MANCHESTER**—Mr John Shaw, of Leeds, was given a lecture in the People's Institute, Manchester, on Sunday, July 25th. Chairman of the meeting, on Sunday, July 25th. Chairman of the meeting, on Sunday, July 25th. Chairman of the meeting, on Sunday, July 25th.

**ROCHDALE**—Mr John Nuttall will lecture in the Chartist-room, Yorkshire-street, on Sunday July 25th, at six o'clock in the evening.

**SAINTS**—The election of officers for the year 1886 will be held on Sunday, July 25th, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

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**MANCHESTER.**—Mr John Shaw, of Leeds, will deliver a lecture in the People's Institute, H street, at half-past six, on Sunday, July 25th. Chaired taken at nine past 6 o'clock in the evening.  
**ROCHDALE.**—Mr John Nuttall will lecture in Chartist-room, Yorkshire-street, on Sunday July 25th, at six o'clock in the evening.  
**PAISLEY.**—The election of office bearers for











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