

# REBECCA

AND HER

## DAUGHTERS.

### WELSHMEN,

You have sent me a letter commanding me to appear on WEDNESDAY night at BLAEN-YANTYFLE, armed and disguised. That your object is to obtain redress for some of the grievances with which you are oppressed is evident. But this is not the way to obtain such redress. I have been, as you know, labouring for years to gain you the rights of free men, and now that I begin to see the possibility of doing some good for you, you step in, and by your violence and folly hinder me in the good work - and instead of hastening the time when all your grievances will be at an end, your not-sensical extravagance gives an excuse to your oppressors for refusing to listen to your complaints; and the redress you seek is further off than ever. **GET ONE GRIEVANCE REDRESSED AT A TIME.** The Magistrates and Trustees of the Newcastle and Carmarthen Trust have appointed **Friday the 23d instant to OVERHAUL THE GRIEVANCES CONNECTED WITH THAT TRUST.** I have been retained on the part of the Men of the Hundred of Upper Elvet to represent their interests at such Meeting. **Do you think I will neglect my duty? Do you think it is likely I should flinch from insisting on justice being done to the people? Or do you think that I am ignorant of the means of screwing it out from the Trustees, let them be as reluctant as they will?** They have not been accustomed to be brought authoritatively to account. Like young men not broken, they must be treated at first **firmly and fairly.** ~~Do you think any firmness is wanting in me?~~ Why then will you do anything that will prevent my getting the bridle into their mouth?

**Do you think I can countenance or join your riotous proceedings?** I tell you **No.** And what is more, though I have fought, am fighting, and will continue to fight your battles, until I can obtain perfect justice and political regeneration for you and your children, I am and will always be the first man to keep the Queen's peace, and prevent anything like rioting or disturbance. Enough has been done already to convince the Government of the great and universal discontent which your grievances have caused among you. They have sent down soldiers to keep the peace. I therefore entreat you **not to meet together on Wednesday night.** I have written for the soldiers to come here and prevent your doing any mischief if you should. Why will you hinder me from fighting your battles in the only way in which we can be successful; and by your violence and absurdity, which can do no good, turn me from a friend to an enemy? Your conduct is childish and absurd, and not like men who have great objects to attain. Why will you exhibit folly when wisdom is required? **The penalty for pulling down a Turnpike House is TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE.** What good can you get by running such a risk, when you may attain every thing you ought to have, in a peaceable and quiet manner, without running any danger whatever? I can only attribute it to your ignorance, which prevents you from being able to guide in its proper course the great and irresistible force which you possess. A hundredth part of your strength properly applied, will do more for you, and without risk, than a thousand times your power wasted in the absurdities you have lately indulged in. **Be guided by me. Do what I tell you, and you must be victorious in the end.** Go each one to your own homes on Wednesday night, peaceably and quietly. On Thursday morning, let each Parish choose two Delegates to come to me (as the Parishes in the Hundred of Upper Elvet have done) to make me acquainted with your grievances, and then follow implicitly the advice I shall give them. If you do, peace and prosperity will be sure to return to you; ~~if you do not, I shall leave you to enjoy the results of your ignorance and folly.~~

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