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Gene.
Saltburn

Sept 23rd 1885

My dear General,
I think it may interest
you to know that I have
consented to embark on the
bills at the next election.
I had repeatedly declined
again to become a candidate
for Parliamentary honours
& had refused an invitation
to that effect from the School
Delegates of Shillsea on Monday

on the conditions.
Mr Alfred South is Chairman
of the Committee who will do all
things that are necessary for the
carrying on the contest, so
that I shall be spared this work.
I hope I may be favoured
with your support & return
as I believe you view it
I am as yours most truly

Yours very truly
John A. Spence

Resolved last Friday at Bolton
at the meeting of the Abolitionists
a request for one to stand
was unanimously carried
coupled with a pledge that
they would defray all the
expenses of the Election. &
I have considered the matter
fully & thought I must trust
either I have declined here
at last consented to come
forward. I am assured by
those who have for the last
two months been working

up the different friends
that the very large majority
of the new electors will
vote on the liberal side, if
this is, as I believe correct,
I don't think there is very
great doubt as to the result.
I don't propose to be an advocate
whichever I should not vote for
the chief task business of the
church, this, I have explained
to those who have solicited
my assent to the proposal
but they are willing to accept
me on those terms, & I rather
gladly consent to stand

What then is to be done in the Liberal
Cause should be called upon to
repudiate Mr. Chamberlain &
his whole political & financial
calculations.

(L167)
Rushmore,
Salisbury.

Sept 25 1851

Dear Sir Thomas.

In reply to your note. My
Vote in Wiltshire is of little consequence
knowing as you know my little property
in the county. Personally I should be
glad to suffer if you and if you are
a Liberal ^{as I have always been} I shall find no difficulty
in doing so. I understand however
that you do not repudiate the appellation
of Radical. ^{in the country} However consider the
gap between a Liberal & a Radical
to be so broad & so well defined.

