



MUSINGS ON VOTE REFORM

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The voices of my fellow Mancunians echoed as I began to polish up the pub's tables in solitude at day's end, readying them for another night of debauchery. The handmade cloth I held onto would soon be spat out of mechanized contraptions that the craftsmen boasted about — their inventions to become standard in cotton production. My mind briefly empathized with the hard working men and women who's entire households depended on good old fashioned hand production. What is to become of the weavers and the spinsters whose very labour has made what Great Britain is today?

This very issue is a matter of voice, of say, of input, of vote. Although not the primary focus of Town Hall's agenda this particular week, there were brief murmurs on the concept of having greater vote representation at Town Hall. Today, the cries of the people's voices to be heard are ironically silenced since the vote control belongs to a meagre four people; all of whom belong to Manchester's aristocrat class. I ask and urge the reader, be they weaver, merchant, vicar or noblemen, to question how such a system could possibly be deemed just. For Town Hall to vote on

issues, where all the votes just belong to four aristocrats, on issues that effect all of Manchester, seems preposterous. It is almost futile to 'vote' on issues until some form of representation that reflects the people equally is implemented. According to the city's schedule, dealing with this specific matter may be weeks away. I, however, strongly believe that this issue be addressed as soon as possible, so far as to say that it be addressed tomorrow.

“THE TIME, HOWEVER, IS AT LENGTH ARRIVED, WHEN THE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND ARE COMPELLED TO OPEN THEIR EYES TO THE TRUTH”¹



Lady Justice
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To amplify on the murmurs that went on at the Town Hall and pub, an idea that forged was to have members within factions that are able to vote alongside the aristocrats. As to who these specific members would be would come from the discretion of the factions themselves. Most likely voting would occur within factions. Once democratically elected faction members are chosen, this would then serve as a way to represent the groups interests at the larger table. A more appropriate amount of proportionality would be achieved that would serve as a better representation of Manchester as a whole. An obvious alternate that someone may argue would be why not let everyone have voting rights? Although something like this may be deemed appropriate further down the road, a starting step and gradual progression is needed. Too much too soon could be problematic and chaotic at the Town Hall so the previous proposal would serve as a good base step.

I implore my fellow Mancunians to take heed to the words written in this article so we can decide and craft the fate of Manchester; together as a whole, together as one.

¹RAGE Appendix F: Causes of Economic Distress, p. 6