

Why change...
& how much
immediate change
within narrative

Motive:
Garibaldi's visit
1864
Injustices...
American Civil
War 1861-5
Movt. 12 Mar '66
Gladstone's
£7 Boro' & £14 Co'
Franchise

anti-Movement

...popular
... political

1864 in a debate
on Baines' bill to
reduce borough
franchise qualify-
cation to £6

Movement

immediate motive:

Momentum
to TERMS:
Hodgkinson's
amendment:
Franchise...

The 1867 Reform Act

Disraeli's support for the artisan vote
Was dependent on its connection
To multiple franchises, thus to promote
His party at time of election....?

The crowds gathering to cheer
Garibaldi as the hero
Of Italian Unification;
Saw how far from inclusion
In the present Constitution they were;
Until the patience that laid-off
Mill-workers displayed was
For Gladstone a revelation,
And, when Palmerston died,
For such men, enfranchised, the spur:
But a rent-payers' exclusion,
With Adullamite* collusion,
Left the Liberals so deeply divided,
That Gladstone, loath to tussle,
Advised that Lord Russell resign.
So, hungry and sad, when
The crowds called for "Gladstone
And Liberty", Disraeli decided
To "dish the Whigs", he must see
The Tory party re-align.

* But it was Gladstone's speech,
That had "ventured..." to preach
Political Devolution:
That "Every man, not
By some personal unfitness..." estranged,
"Is morally entitled to come within
The pale of the Constitution",
Though not by "...sudden or violent
Or excessive or intoxicating change"

But, on the Speaker's summons,
The bill "to make the Commons
More popular and independent",
Was destined, on its way,
To pass out of Disraeli's control:
For 12 month-£10 lodgers
Enfranchised by Hodgkinson's,
Rent-rates 'compounding' amendment
Put a million more borough artisans
onto the electoral roll.

C/w with other Reform Acts:
...Disraeli contemplating
reform, planned multiple
franchises to dilute the working
class vote

...Garibaldi's visit ~ Britain had
helped Italian Unification; yet
Italian constitution was more
representative than their own
...mill workers behaved
"responsibly" Mr. G: "...a
shame & scandal that men such
as these should be excluded
from the parliamentary
franchise".
...Adullamite: wing of Liberal
party led by Robert Lowe v.
further reform ~ "a sullen cabal
cowering in...a small cave"
(John Bright)
...Disraeli hoped to make
Conservative Party electable,
which they'd not been since
Corn Law repeal & to dish ie
defeat; see off the Whigs

"The most significant franchise
extension/development/
political/watershed of the 19th
century Parliamentary reform."
Discuss?

Limitation
for counties less
extensive than
for boroughs
Redistribution
Impact...

1868
Election

So Change
but more needed?

anti-Momentum

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- Passed 1858
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

...so still a long
way to go...

By contrast in the counties,
Just £12 and £5 pound lease-
Holders were duly enfranchised,
Meaning proportionately fewer
Newer voters in county than town;
And since, with boroughs
Taking 20 of 45 seats,
The next election proved a Liberal landslide,
Disraeli to his chagrin
Had failed to take Gladstone's
crown.

For it was Gladstone's speech
That brought within reach
Political Devolution:
That "Every man not...

Yet the bill, though not "small",
Didn't warrant the call
Of "a leap in the dark" by Derby:
There was still no consistency
In overall constituency size;
And without a secret ballot
for confidentiality
"Persuasion" could still figure largely;
And no way with ease,
Even middle class M.P.s could rise:
For still it would continue:
No salary, no sinew,
And though property was no longer needed,
Campaigning was to cost
Much as palms that had been crossed before;
Universal manhood suffrage
Required much greater leverage,
And no female vote as yet conceded;
While bills Commons might pass
Still couldn't by-pass Lords.

Yet it was Gladstone's speech
That opened the breach
To Political Devolution:
That "Every man, not
By some personal unfitness..." estranged,
"Is morally entitled to come within
The pale of the Constitution",
Though not by "...sudden or violent or
Excessive or intoxicating change"

c/w "Gladstone's speech" 1864
Analyse different contexts NB
still no mention of half the
population

Moments:
Of Chartist 6 points:
in order of becoming law
5. Equal constituencies 1885
2. Secret Ballot 1872
X Annual Elections
5 year fixed 2011

4. M.P.s Salary 1911
3. M.P.s No Property
Qualification (1858)
1. Manhood Suffrage 1918
(1.) Adult Suffrage 1928
(Lords veto limit: 2 years 1911)

References: Also Briggs: Age of
Improvement