

Volume II: Assault on the Corn Laws, 1838-1846

I. Parliamentary Proceedings

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[source: Anti-Corn Law League reprint, (Manchester: J. Gadsby, 1839)]

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(7) Colonel Sibthorp (January 27, 1846, House of Commons)

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(11) Lord Ashburton (January 29, 1846, House of Lords)

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(12) Mr. A.J.B. Hope (February 9, 1846, House of Commons)

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