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1.0 Politics and Administration/Home Rule Movement

1.1 The Butt Years

- Isaac Butt (Barrister) puts forward Federal Solution i.e. Home Rule
- 1870-Founds **Home Government Association**
- 1870 Land Act passes-tenants not happy.
- Fenians use Association to achieve republic through violence
- Became more tenant/Catholic dominant-contested by-elections
- 1872 Secret Ballot Act-reduced landlord influence
- **1873-Butt forms Home Rule League** with branches around country.
- Butt set up Home Rule Confederation of Britain (Success)
- 1874 General election-Home Rulers win 59 out of 105 seats-Home Rule Party now formed with a policy of **independent opposition** to achieve Balance of Power
- Party Problems-No central organisation, only 20-30 committed MPS, P.M Disraeli not interested in Irish Affairs.
- **Butt weaknesses**-Weak leader as tried to use persuasion and bring in proposals which were defeated. Often absent from parliament as he had to work to pay off his debts.

1.2 The Early Parnell Years (Emerge as leader)

- **Obstructionism** begins in 1876 with Joseph Biggar as leader. Butt disapproves.
- Charles Stewart Parnell joins them. Son of Protestant landlord with anti-English feelings.
- **Parnell builds support** by helping Fenians defending Manchester Martyrs (Davitt) and the Catholic Church by getting Royal University Act and Intermediate Education Act.
- 1877-Parnell elected as leader of Home Rule Confederation.
- Demise of Butt and dies in 1879. William Shaw takes over. Party now split between Parnellites (20) and Whigs (40).
- *Butt's contributions-Put forward Home Rule, founded Home Rule party, developed independent opposition, laid foundation for Parnell.*

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