

be shut out from these vast tracts, lest they should disturb the game. There is no exception to be made by cat-witted dukes and illiterate lords in favour of the man of letters, however elegant his tastes and pursuits; or the man of science, however profound his talents and acquirements, or however important the objects to which he is applying them. The Duke of Leeds has already shut up the Grampians, and the Duke of Atholl has *tabooed* Glen Tilt. The gentleman and scholar who, in quest of knowledge, and on the strength of the prescriptive right enjoyed from time immemorial by even the humblest of the people, enters these districts, finds himself subjected to insult and injury; and should the evil be suffered to go on unchecked, we shall by and by see the most interesting portions of our country barred up against us by parishes and counties. If one proprietor shut up Glen Tilt, why may not a combination of proprietors shut up Perthshire? Or if one sporting tenant bar against us the Grampians, why, when the system of shooting-farms and game-parks has become completed, might not the sporting tenants united shut up against us the entire Highlands? They would be prevented, it may be said, by certain rights of roadway. No; these rights of roadway as certainly exist in the case of Glen Tilt and the Grampians as over the Highlands generally.

Regretting, as we do, that a gentleman and scholar, with his friends, of character resembling his own, should have been subjected to unworthy treatment, we yet deem it fortunate that it should have fallen rather on men such as he and they, than on some party of humble individuals, possessed of no adequate means of making their case known, or of attracting for it any general sympathy, even if they had. Were, however, the party of humble men to be very numerous,—some such pleasure party as occasionally, in these days, sets out from Edinburgh for Berwick, Glasgow, or the