

Returning now to Glen Roy, the traveller should ascend that valley to see what light its famous 'Parallel Roads' have to cast upon the history of the old glaciers of the Highlands. The same long straight line which, as he drew near to the Bridge of Roy, he noticed running high along the mountainside, on the south of the Spean Valley, is now seen to turn up Glen Roy, winding along the slopes of that valley with the same singular horizontality. When he gets several miles up the glen he begins to see traces of two

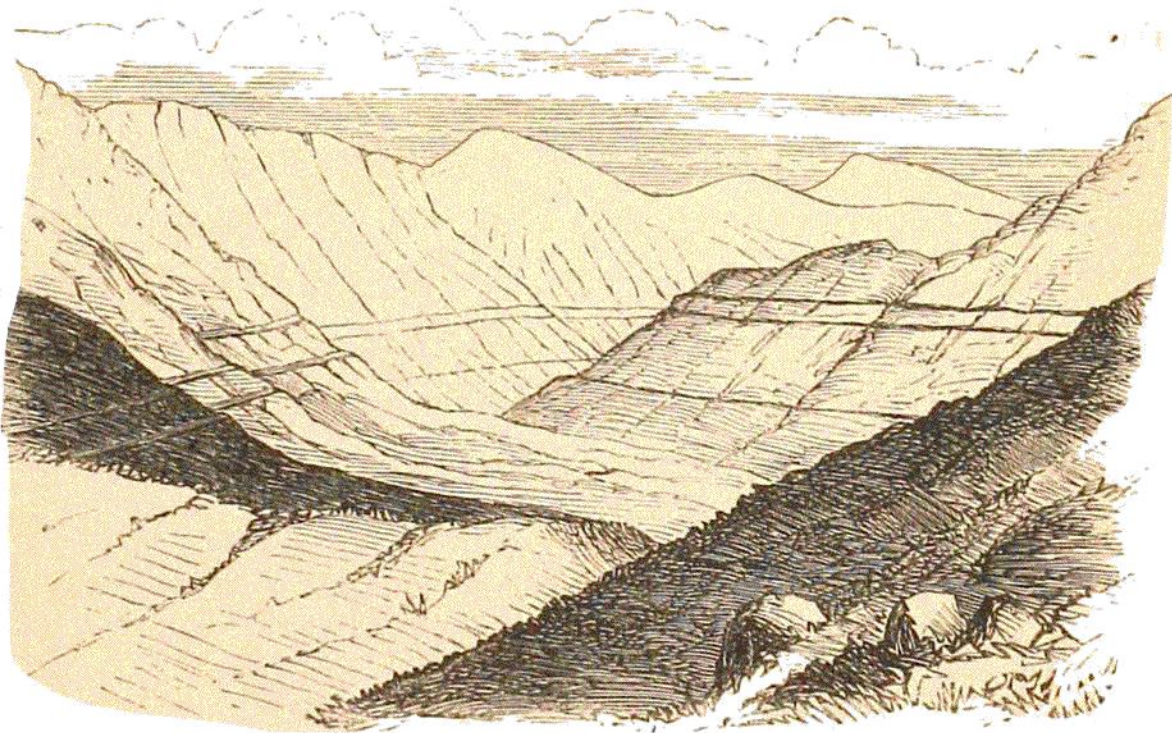


FIG. 59.—View of the Parallel Roads of Glen Roy from the Gap.

other terraces, until, on reaching a turn of the road, the long deep glen lies before him, with its three bars, straight and distinct as if they had been drawn with a ruler, yet winding into all the recesses of the steep slopes, and coming out again over the projecting parts without ever deviating from their parallelism.

The 'Roads,' so long a subject of wonderment and legendary story among the Highlanders, and for so many years a source of sore perplexity among men of science, are