

“ person whom he hates, or let in (as it is termed) one  
“ whom he loves.” *p.* 42.

Mr. Irvine goes on with various other observations,  
and concludes with saying:—“ He that could bear the  
“ tyranny of such masters, might have been born a  
“ Mahometan.” *p.* 45.

The power with which the factors of many Highland  
estates are invested, seems to carry with it temptations  
almost too great for human nature: but though it is on  
this class of men that the weight of popular odium chiefly  
falls, ought not the blame in just reason to lie with  
those, who suffer such abuses to be committed in their  
name?

Taking things, however, as we find them, it will not  
appear extraordinary that the crime, newly laid down  
in the *code* of the Highland Society under the title of  
*calumniating factors*, unknown as it is in the laws of  
England, should in some places be deemed the most dan-  
gerous and unpardonable of all species of sedition.