

them, peace might have been, by degrees, restored; but publicly to invite the Parishioners to accuse in secret their Parish Priest—which accusations are to this day a secret confined to his own breast—and to set upon those accusations, without giving the Priest an opportunity of refuting them, has been the source of dissensions and scandals amongst us, to which we see no prospect of an end.

7th. Mr. John Macintosh, M. P. P., the leader of the Escheators, immediately after his secret conference with the Bishop, publicly made known that the Bishop advised a petition to be got up against our Parish Priest, which was accordingly done. This petition was immediately followed by a strong and numerous signed counter petition; thus the evil was increased, the breach was made wider and wider, and the public mind greatly excited; nor has it subsided to this day.

8th. Although four months had elapsed between the riots, and the Bishop's visit to St. Margaret's, the persecution against Mr. Macdonald did not assume a regular organised and systematic character till after the Bishop's secret interview with the leader of his enemies.

9th. When the Bishop came to St. Margaret's, he did not inquire into the real causes of the disturbances: he made no enquiries of the most sensible and respectable inhabitants, who were impartial spectators of what had taken place, but confined himself to the flying false reports which the rioters had, in their angry feelings, and disturbed imaginations, put in circulation throughout the country.

10th. It cannot be denied that the Bishop favoured the proceedings of the Escheators, against Mr. Mac-