

themselves ready to obey, not the General Assembly, but the Court of Session. They were complained of again to the Commission of the General Assembly; and in December 1839, the Commission, because of the disobedience shown by them to the Church, and as the only way to keep them back from placing Mr. Edwards in the Parish of Marnoch against the will of the whole people, suspended these seven Ministers from their office, till the next General Assembly: and ordained the other members of the Presbytery, who had not disobeyed the Church, to meet as a Presbytery, and to call upon all Ministers of the Church and Preachers, to go and assist in supplying sermons and other duties to the seven Parishes, whose Ministers were suspended. Again, however, the seven Ministers complained to the Court of Session; and the Court granted an Interdict, forbidding all other Ministers from entering the Church, Churchyard, or School-house of any of these Parishes. This Interdict was obeyed; but the Ministers called to the duty, went from Sabbath to Sabbath to these Parishes, and preached in the most convenient place they could find; and their labours appear to have been already acknowledged, by much blessing upon them.

Well, the seven Ministers of Strathbogie, who have been suspended, went on preaching, under the Court of Session's authority, and in direct and open defiance of the laws of the Church, and not content with this, they have now got another Interdict from the Court of Session, forbidding all Ministers of the Church *from entering those Parishes at all*, or preaching in them; and forbidding the other Ministers of the Presbytery to meet, or do anything as a Presbytery.

In this way, you see, the Court of Session has set