

Scotstarvet and Broadleys, which cost less than £4,000, were left clear by the sale of part, and afterwards sold, in 1818, for	-	-	28,000
Craigrothie and Baltilly, part got by inheritance, and part by purchase, did not cost more than £3,300, and were sold, in 1818, for £17,300	-	-	14,000
Kilmaron cost £3,500, and sold, about 1805, for £20,000	-	-	16,500
Pratis cost £6,900, and sold, in 1814 and 1817, for £24,900	-	-	18,000
Glentarkie cost £15,000, about 1805, and sold, in 1817, for £26,000	-	-	11,000
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			£87,500

Had final sales been made in 1813, instead of 1818, I know, from offers refused prior to that time, when land was at the highest value, that these estates would have brought at least 25 per cent. more than they did bring. Kilmaron, purchased about 1783, and sold about 1805, was re-sold three years afterwards for £26,000: so that in a period of less than thirty years its value was nearly eight times increased, while no very expensive improvements were made upon it. The sale prices, above quoted, are accurate. The purchase prices I have stated above the truth, not knowing these exactly; and wishing to err on the safe side. Pratis, for instance, cost little more than £6000; but I have stated its cost at £6,900, to make an even sum of the balance.

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lenges, will have the goodness to give in his name to the Printers, or communicate directly with me within a month from this date,

ROBERT GOURLAY.

*Deptford Farm, 21st Nov. 1814.*