

No. 11.

St. Andrews, October 10, 1829.

MY LORD—I am here, in the arms of *alma mater*, and every way well circumstanced for philosophical reflection. Let us then indulge.

While you eyed your watch, counting the minutes of slaughter and endurance, till the Prussians came up; while, too, Napoleon surveyed the field of Waterloo, longing for Grouchy,—Napoleon, who said that he had yet thirty years to live, and would not sit on a throne without glory, was there not a superior power, a Disposer of events? Yes, most assuredly. All that has passed has been with the will, and by the power of an Almighty Being, who prepared you for the battle, and gave you the victory.

Up to this hour, believing all for the best, honour is due to you, not as our minister only, but as the instrument of God. But while we do you honour, should we flatter and seal up your eyes? Should we not tell you what we think, and should you not submit to be arraigned and tried by the British people? Should you not confide in public opinion, rather than in the award of a court of justice? Should you not hear an individual, however low in your opinion, who stakes his all on the issue, and who can have no object but the good of his fellow men?

Believe me, my Lord, with high respect, your Grace's obedient servant,

ROBT. GOURLAY.

The Duke of Wellington.

N. B.—The Duke of Wellington may shew the accompanying *plan* to his Majesty, and point out the situation for an equestrian statue of the King.

No. 12.

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SIR—This letter has no other object but to close a series. Just now twelve years, travelling in the United States of America, I saw the errors in the system of settling wild land, and the advantage which might accrue to Britain from the adoption of a right system. In a letter addressed soon after this to Sir H. Torrens, to be laid before Lord Bathurst or the Duke of York, I asserted that Upper Canada might afford a revenue after maintaining two regiments, repairing, and keeping in repair the forts, &c. My efforts in that Province, which led to my ruin, chiefly went to obtain inquiry into the principles of rightly settling wild land. Since then, efforts to the same end have been made year after year, but all in vain. Emigration committees have sat and reported again and again, but never have attended to this most important point. I am now about to return to Leith, have little hope of a hearing, but if it is granted either by the Duke of Wellington personally, or by a commission in Edinburgh, I shall shew, by a regular series of documents, from the year 1817 till the present time, how constantly I have pressed inquiry on this subject.