

ries have acted for the people, that they have suffered such things, and are threatened with so much more ? It was not surely for their own worldly profit or benefit these Ministers acted, but for the spiritual good of the people.

Another case. The Parish of Marnoch, in the Presbytery of Strathbogie, became vacant. A Mr. Edwards got the Presentation to it from the Patron. The Parishioners knew him very well, as he had been for three years assistant to the former Minister. When the *Call* day came, not one of the Parishioners would sign the call but *one* man. The heads of families, by very far the greater part of them, not only would not sign the call, but declared that they could not be edified by Mr. Edwards. Well, the Presbytery made this known to the Patron, and Mr. Edwards is set aside, and a Mr. Henry gets a new Presentation. But Mr. Edwards complains to the Court of Session ; and the Court gives an interdict, forbidding the Presbytery to proceed with the trials of Mr. Henry, or to place him, however well pleased with his gifts the Parishioners may be. But this was not enough. By and by, Mr. Edwards gets a declaration in his own favour from the Court of Session, the same as Mr. Young got in the case of Auchterarder. In this Presbytery, the greater number of the Ministers are in favour of Mr. Edwards, and against the people ; and they were quite glad of this order ; and resolved to go on to settle Mr. Edwards in the Parish of Marnoch. But other members of the Presbytery complained to the General Assembly ; and the General Assembly, by its Commission, ordered the Presbytery of Strathbogie, not to proceed with the trials of Mr. Edwards. The majority however of the Presbytery of Strathbogie, seven ministers, resolved to proceed with the trials of Mr. Edwards, notwithstanding, and declared