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commenced peddling their political desires (for philosophic views they had none) as their brutal father did before his Biblical wares. They courted public favour, not by the morality of their lives, not by the utility of their actions, oh no, but by the craftiest of means, and the vilest of expedients. They enquired with well feigned solicitude after the health of each family, their welfare and prosperity, the marriage of Peggy and Judy's betrothed. The crops too and their prospects received special attention, and they forgot not to send bull's eyes to the little children, snuff to poor granny and a plug to the bonhomme.

These, gentlemen, were the means by which they thrust themselves on the notice of an honest and conscientious people. These were the expedients the base expedients they took to blindfold the old, the manly and straight forward Highlanders of Glengary who alike honest in their professions and honourable in their dealings were too easily inclined to regard them in the same light and to accord them alas their social confidence and political support.

Having thus then acquired the one and secured the other they brought all the influence of the family compact, all the stolen money of the Robert Peel, all the robberies of contracts and corporations ; all the terrors of the law ; all the weapons of political dissensions and religious animosities, to strengthen their position against the rising tide of public opinion and its invasion by the intelligence of the rising generation.

Such low and detestable methods of guarding their upstart position were alone worthy of such characters, who if a dispute arose even about a dog fight should be the exclusive arbitrators ; who if a sheep or pig were purchased in the remoter parts of this country should know it, as well the purchaser as the price