

may lead to mutual good offices, and an interchange of useful information.

The Directors, in taking leave for a time of a gentleman with whom they have been so long associated in all the useful labours of this Society, and whose personal character and private worth they have so much cause to appreciate, feel it a duty to record their warmest acknowledgments for the long, assiduous, and valuable assistance which he has rendered to the Highland Society; their anxious desire that he should soon again be enabled to resume the duties which he has so well fulfilled; and their cordial wishes for his success in the objects which he now contemplates by visiting the United States of America, and the Colonies of Great Britain.

The Chairman is requested to communicate to Mr Fergusson an extract of these minutes.

PAT. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

CHARLES GORDON, *Dep. Sec.*

HIGHLAND SOCIETY HALL, EDINBURGH,]
3d February 1831.

LETTER FROM ADAM FERGUSSON, ESQ. TO THE DIRECTORS
OF THE SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND.

Gentlemen,—In reference to a resolution of the Directors, which you did me the honour of transmitting to me, through your Secretary, upon the eve of my departure for America, I feel it now my duty to furnish some statements regarding the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, with such portions of the United States as came under my personal observation, or regarding which I acquired information from authentic sources during my excursion.

Without reference to the precise route which I followed, my observations will point,

1. To Lower Canada;
2. To Upper Canada;
3. To the United States.

In treating of these, my leading object will be to ascertain their respective advantages or disadvantages to emigrants from Britain.

Lower Canada lies between 45° and 52° N. Lat., and 64° and 82° W. Long.