

a presentation to another Minister, Mr. Kessen, setting Mr. Clark aside. Notwithstanding this, Mr. Clark complained to the Court of Session; and the Court of Session gave an Interdict, forbidding the Presbytery to place Mr. Kessen. The Presbytery went on, and the congregation having given Mr. Kessen a hearty, willing, *Call*, the Presbytery placed him as Minister of Lethendy and Kinloch, in obedience to the Law of the land and the Law of the Church. But they gave him no right, they could not, to the Stipend; and he is without Stipend to this day. However Mr. Clark complained again to the Court of Session; and the Court summoned the Presbytery before them, to punish them for putting in Mr. Kessen. The Presbytery answered the summons, and appeared; but told the Judges, that they did not consider the Court of Session had any power over them as a Presbytery, with respect to the ordaining of Ministers; that the Stipend was there, and the Court might do with it as it thought proper; but that it was their duty as a Presbytery, to keep out Mr. Clark, and to put in Mr. Kessen, as the General Assembly had instructed and commanded them as a Presbytery, to do. The judges sent for the Presbytery again, rebuked them, as if they were *criminals*, evil-doers, and declared publicly, that if ever they or any other Presbytery should do the same again,—they, the Court of Session, would send to jail whoever did it, and keep them there till they would confess their fault.

Now, will it do, that the Court of Session should have this power? Besides this, the Court of Session made this Presbytery pay upwards of £600 of expenses, a very heavy fine indeed, which some of them could ill afford to pay, and that too for doing their duty. And, do you not see, that it is because those Ministers and Presbyte-