

Lordship, and that I was confident Mr. Sherwood would do the same. We then walked on toward the Castle, during which time Col. Cockburn repeatedly urged me to name a price which I declined, and replied as before, that I would leave it entirely to Your Lordship. On arriving at the Castle gate Col. Cockburn said he would not see Your Lordship on the subject unless I would name a price. I then told him that I *valued* it at three thousand pounds, (a sum less than half its value). I waited below in the waiting room whilst Col. Cockburn had a conference with Your Lordship. I was then called up to the Drawing Room, but what was my surprise when I was met at the door by Your Lordship and told, that I was an Impostor ! that I had purchased the land in question in an underhand manner with the view of imposing on Government !!! Such a reception from a personage of Your Lordship's exalted rank and character, renowned for justice and urbanity, convinced me that a misrepresentation had been made to Your Lordship. And when I endeavoured to explain and defend myself, Your Lordship would not allow me to speak: adding that "Doctor Thom of Perth had written down to say that it was his intention to have purchased it for Government; but that I had bought it in an underhand manner and unknown to him." Your Lordship was at same time pleased to say that you would take measures to deprive me of it, and although not in express terms I understood, it was Your Lordship's intention to report my conduct as it was represented to Your Lordship to the Commander in Chief with a view to depriving me of my Half Pay. Your Lordship was also pleased to implicate Mr. Sherwood in what Your Lordship termed a nefarious transaction. It is but justice to that gentleman to say that Your Lordship must be totally unacquainted with him; His honour and integrity are too well established to be injured by any aspersions of the foregoing nature, which could only have been intimated to Your Lordship through malice. And I now pledge my word of honour, that I never had any communication with him on the subject of the land either directly or indirectly, nor did he know the value of the land until the morning of the day of sale. Knowing that