

VISIT TO THE GLEN GELDER SHIEL.

Balmoral,
October 6, 1879.

At ten minutes past four drove with the Empress Eugénie* (who had driven up from *Abergeldie*) in the victoria to the *Glen Gelder Shiel*, or *Ruidh na Bhan Righ* (the Queen's Shiel). The evening was perfectly beautiful, warm, and clear, and bright. The Empress was pleased with the little Shiel, which contains only two small rooms and a little kitchen. It stands in a very wild solitary spot looking up to *Lochnagar*, which towers up immediately above the house, though to reach *Lochnagar* itself would take a very long time. We walked on along the footpath above

* The Empress was staying at *Abergeldie*, to which I had urged her to come for a little quiet and change of air after her terrible misfortune.