

is then made to say that Lord Stirling represented his claims to lands in America as settled, and that he expected to gain certain properties in Scotland. There is this much of truth in this person's statement, that Lord Stirling was at one time strongly urged by others to push his claims to property in America and Scotland, but it is not his intention to disturb a single individual. What he claimed from government was a compensation in waste lands or otherwise, as most convenient.

There were, also, some reflections made upon the opening of an office in London for the sale of lands, and it is added that "*debentures*" were issued for the purpose of raising money. As this was new to us, we demanded an explanation: in reply, Lord Stirling says, he never heard of such things, and if any exist, pretending to bear his signatures, they are forgeries! Respecting the office, we may shortly say, that the obstinacy of Government in refusing, without giving any reason, to meet the application for an arrangement made by Lord Stirling, after he had completed his titles, and was by law in possession of his lands, induced his advisers to hit upon some plan for bringing the question to an issue. Government was afraid to face the case in any shape; this course was recommended, not very wisely perhaps, and never being carried out as originally intended, fell, of course, into discredit.

Another agent of the Crown is Thomas Banks, a man who, though verging on eighty years of age, is still following up his *peculiar* career with all the ardour of former days. He is a person of very low extraction, but of considerable ready talent and powerful memory, and he has got at his fingers' end, the history of most of the leading families of Great Britain. His employment in several cases