

state of the Highlands and Isles ; and that, in fact, no authority older than ten years is admissible.

That every industrious man may find a comfortable subsistence, for himself and family, in the Highlands and Isles : and, with respect to those who will not work, we should be obliged to the Earl of Selkirk, and others who wish to stock their estates on the other side of the Atlantic, to take them from us.

Lord Selkirk, so far as can be collected through his work, ascribes emigration, *first*, To the change from ancient to modern manners among the people ; *second*, To the rise of rents ; *third*, To the introduction of sheep, and engrossing of farms ; *fourth*, An overcharged population, which cannot find employment in their own country.—In following out his very elaborate reasonings on the subject, the facts to be adduced will enable the reader to judge how far any of these causes have produced the effects ascribed to them. It will be seen, that they are in a great measure hypothetical ; have had either no real existence, or little or no effect on emigration.