

every man lives in abundance, and possesses at all times, the most ample means of self-transportation. This is not the case in foreign countries, where the cost of riding is proportionally high, money hard to be procured, and where the roads are excellent, and furnished with easy foot-walks, designed purposely for pedestrians. There, foot walking is customary, and the main roads are often lined with men and women, plodding their way to and from their populous towns; and in Scotland, it is nothing extraordinary, to see large companies of lasses, with their shoes in their hands, marching barefoot, several miles, to the "kirk," or hastening to a fair in some neighbouring village. Here, it is seldom indeed, that we meet a solitary passenger, and when we do meet one, we believe, he travels in that manner, either through inclination and pleasure, or out of a principle of the strictest economy; and whatever may be his reasons in reality, for proceeding so, we know not how to rate him from the circumstance, nor can we act towards him with less civility, than if he made his appearance on the back of a horse.

Persons have inquired which is the most profitable method of travelling in order to obtain information;—by stage-coaches—on horseback—or on foot? With regard to the former, it is evident at once, that it is the most imperfect; for we are in a manner, sailing upon land, where the limited prospects, obtained through the windows of the vehicle, pass away like confused

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