

from received systems of political economy, of which I do not profess to be a judge. But I am bold to maintain, that these theories are wholly inapplicable to the present state of the Highlands ; or, rather, that that state has changed so rapidly of late years, as wholly to elude their grasp.

I hope to make it evident to every candid reader, that his Lordship's knowledge of the Highlands is very superficial : that his information was chiefly derived from persons who had no partiality towards their own country ; and that his Lordship, misled by the partial examination of a district or two, made a sweeping conclusion, that all the Highlands and Isles were in the same state.

That, so far from the Highlands and Isles being overstocked with inhabitants, so as to require emigration ; these countries require the aid of new settlers to stock them properly, and to convert to profit all those sources of industry which nature presents.

That the authorities on which his Lordship founds his arguments are obsolete, and wholly inapplicable to the present state