

No. 3.

2, Bridge Street, Leith, April 19, 1829.

MY LORD DUKE—While you were merely a soldier I thought little of you, seeing your greatest victories turn on a straw; and still less when you became Premier, being yet ignorant of your real character. You have now achieved a victory of the highest order. You have conquered prejudices, even your own, and brought mankind into closer union. You, who are fearless, have, for the sake of peace, surrendered opinions; and unquestionably this offering of love will be propitious to humanity.

But, my lord, Catholic Emancipation leaves much to be done—much which should be done without delay. At home the greatest evil is the poor law system; and the colonial system is altogether wretched.

You see what I have engraved above. It was engraved to seal opinion after my last appeal to government proved fruitless. It will be adhered to now that I am abandoned by the people, and will be adhered to whether this letter is acknowledged or not. To prevent mistakes, I distinctly say that, "*without altering a single statute, changing a single institution, or interfering with property, the whole system of the poor laws and rates may be dispensed with in twenty years, while the national debt may be paid off within fifty years from sales of colonial lands.*"

Five years ago I offered Mr. Peel a plan for reforming the poor law system, and was desired to send it to him in writing. This I could not do; but should your Grace so far confide as to send for me: give me an hour's personal interview, to declare leading principles and the means to explain fully, which I could do within a month, I shall be forthcoming immediately. I shall subjoin a copy of my last letter to his Majesty that your Grace may, if you please, submit the whole to the King.—I have the honour to be your Grace's obedient servant,

ROBT. GOURLAY.

The Duke of Wellington.

No. 4.

Mr. Gourlay presents respectful compliments to the Duke of Wellington. Requests that this letter (a letter from Upper Canada, dated 23d February 1829, announcing that the act under colour of which I was banished had been that day repealed) may be returned after perusal; and, at sametime, Mr. Gourlay's letter to his Grace of 19th instant, if its contents are of no moment to his Majesty's Government.

2, Bridge Street, Leith, April 24, 1829.

No. 5.

2, Bridge Street, Leith, 3d May 1829.

SIR—Two letters returned to me in the Duke of Wellington's blank cover accompanying this will speak for themselves; and I have to request that you will show the whole to your brother magistrates.