

in behalf of our Highland population generally; we cannot pass this subject over altogether. But as our correspondent has indulged his roused feelings, without reflecting that facts are of much more importance to us than declamation, and much more necessary to accomplish his own object, he must pardon us for postponing the insertion of his letter, until it is supported by a detail of circumstances. He admits, that what is doing, *is done legally*. The law, therefore, is not to blame, and has not even the means of correction. Whether public opinion has, will depend much on the industry and prudence of those who solicit its assistance. It is said, that a *posse* of men, (with legal warrants he it observed,) are parading the county of Sutherland, and *evicting* the poor Highlanders from the homes of their fathers. A valuation is put upon the property; a proportion of the expense is retained, the balance is paid over to the occupier, and his humble dwelling, in which perhaps he was born himself,—in which he has gone through the various stages of life,—and which is endeared to him by a thousand ties and circumstances,—*its set fire to and consumed to ashes*,—before the eyes of himself, his wife and helpless family. 100 families, it is said, have shared this fate within the last fortnight, and 500 within a short period. Families are thus compelled to crowd together in miserable out-cots, or to prepare their scanty meals at the roots of trees; and the county, especially the parishes of Farr, Kildonan, Clyne, Golspie and Rogart, is beginning to wear a depopulated and mitious aspect. Such is a specimen of the information sent us; but we are inclined to think that there must be some exaggeration, and that the facts, if they be facts, are susceptible of explanation. Our correspondent seems to admit, that allotments of ground were made for these small tenants (who are said to have offered more for their farms than the highest rents that could otherwise be got for them,) but this, it is added, was on the cold barren north coast, the soil of which can be turned to no account. For the honour of the Stafford Family, we shall be glad to have this matter cleared up; for we have been assured that thousands of the Sutherland Highlanders entered the army in the course of the late war, from devoted attachment to their Countess.

## SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS

Having received a long and interesting communication respecting the expatriating work said to be going forward in Sutherlandshire, and the case of these unfortunate persons being recommended to our notice by one who has already excited the public sympathy

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