



present law there are not many among you who have votes. A proprietor is the easiest to get, and the worst we can get. If the lairds had not an unbounded confidence in the glory of their name and in our sympathy, they would not, after all that has been found out, offer themselves. Will it make you wiser than others that your father desolated the lands which you possess? Will it make you fit to represent us in Parliament to be connected with the great people of the land? Is it any guarantee to us of your character and morals that you are called "Lord" or "Sir"? The nation often makes us call a man with a very doubtful moral character by some grand title. O, the mockery! After all they have done against us how can we trust a landlord? They may call themselves "Liberal." Is it not to make themselves wolves in sheep's clothing that they do so? "Liberal" is a better bait than "Conservative." But what is a "liberal Conservative?" An honest rogue. I would sooner give my vote to a landlord who would say, "I will do nothing for you—I merely want to have M.P. added to my name for the glory of it," than to one who says, "I will do my best to do everything you will ask me. I do not care for the glory of the thing—I want to be an M.P. that I may do some good."

## CONCLUSION.

I trust you will be faithful to each other. Fear not man, but fear God and keep his commandments, for that is the whole duty of man. I know that you all belong to the Free Church. I trust you will not do me the injustice to think that I am here to-night by any unfair means to win you over to my own Church. Nothing is further from my mind, believe me. I would scorn to do such a thing. I am here to do you good as crofters. In Arisaig the crofters are Catholic, and they had full confidence in me there—I acted honestly. When they trusted me you ought. It will give me the greatest pleasure to do anything in my power to free you from the bonds of slavery, and to get you a legal right to your glens. I trust I may yet see you in a prosperous and happy state. Farewell.

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