

and eating—in the solemn pledges given and retracted—in the detestable trickery, duplicity, and chicanery which were so glaringly exhibited by his own constituents, a specimen of this vaunted national morality and education? No, England, after all, your vices at a general election are not so disgusting as those at a Scotch one. There is in the lowest depths of political vice a lower still, and there is moral Scotland placed, by means of a bad system, which has made immorality be held as nought in electioneering matters.

“ Here, in their proper shape and mien,
 Fraud, perjury, and guilt are seen.”

The Lord Advocate gave his opinion about the ballot before he was a declared candidate for the

Forfar burghs. It is to be hoped his own election will give him a new light on morality, knowledge, and the ballot. Of the nature of the reform about to be proposed the public are yet in the dark; but knowing, as I do, the connexion between landlord and tenant in the agricultural parts of the country, and in the villages and small burghs; the slavish dependence, in some cases, upon the laird; and in others, the almost slavish reverence towards him and his family—I am decidedly of opinion that the extension of the franchise, except to actual possessors of property, will, without the ballot, be to increase the power of the aristocracy, and to make the influence of that class much greater than it is at present. L. M. N.