

inclined to take a rest, I have no other alternative but to sit down amongst dust or *dubs* on the road. Every person, young or old, should sympathise with me in this, for what would hurt or benefit my health, would in the same manner affect them.

During my walks in pursuit of health, I have cast my eyes upon the Inches, which Mr Bannerman, in a recent pamphlet, stiles the "promised land." He says they are intended to be feued, and that as much is expected to be produced from the feuing as will go a great way to pay the expense of improving the Harbour. Mr Bannerman doubts very much if this feuing would pay much of these expences, in which opinion I entirely concur with him. If feuing is to be the destined allotment of this *promised land*, we may expect soon to see some such building there erected as the Gas Works, which should have been placed at the mouth of Don, or at some such respectable distance from the city, instead of in the midst of a populous neighbourhood. Some people propose that the 'Fish-market' should be removed to this *promised land*, the smell of which, considering that the wind blows for nine months a year from the south or west, would make it a complete nuisance to the inhabitants of Aberdeen. I would have no objections to the building yards being removed to that part of it exactly opposite to where they now stand; this would not in the least inconvenience the inhabitants, as boiling pitch at a time is not at all detrimental to health.

As the Inches, or "promised land," have ever hitherto been considered public property, they should still be kept as such, and laid out in a fine green for the health and exercise of the inhabitants. They ought to be laid out with quick set hedges and trees, for shelter in cold weather. The Harbour can be improved perfectly well without depriving the inhabitants of this inestimable healthful freedom; and there is plenty of space to build houses and manufacturing establishments betwixt this and Castleton of Braemar, without encroaching upon the "promised land."

The Board of Health should take up the case of the inhabitants in preserving this. It is said that they have collected £2000 for health—it is nearly time that