that could curb or stay them? The Frith of Cromarty a prolongation of the Conon! Were the Court of Session to put the Conon in its pocket, the Frith of Cromarty would be in every respect exactly what it is,—the noble *Portus Salutis* of Buchanan,—the wide ocean bay, in which the whole British navy could ride at anchor. Is it not a curious enough circumstance, that much about the same time in which the Court of Session, in the due exercise of its legislative functions, stirred up the Church to rebellion, it so laid down the law with respect to the Frith of Cromarty, in the exercise of exactly the same functions, that it stirred it up to rebellion also?

Yes, it is a melancholy fact, but it cannot be denied, that this splendid sheet of water has been in a state of open rebellion for the last four years. In obedience to its own ocean laws, it has been going on producing its own ocean products, —its prickly sea-urchins, its sea-anemones, its dulce, its tangle, its "roarin' buckies," and its "dead men's fingers;" when, like a good subject, it should have been river-mouth to all intents and purposes, nor have ventured on growing anything less decidedly fluviatile than a lymnea or a cyclas, or a freshwater polypus. It has been so utterly outrageous in some of its doings, that, albeit inclined to mercy, we are disposed to advise the Court to deal with it somewhat closely. There might be trouble, perhaps, in bringing it to the bar,—more by a great deal than sufficed to bring the Presbytery of Dunkeld there; but with the precedent of Canute on record, we do not think the Court would lower its dignity much below the present level by just stepping northwards to rebuke it. It would be perhaps well, too, to select as the proper time the height of a stiff nor-easter. For our own part, we would be extremely happy to furnish the information necessary to convict, whether geological or of any other kind. We can satisfactorily prove, that no farther back than last year, this frith gave admission, in utter contempt of Court, to so vast a body