

your own prejudice. Should You not  
deem to take a lead in the association,  
still I hope You will assist by a small  
subscription, to show Your animus in the  
affair. Even this would have a powerfull  
effect in getting affairs settled amicably.  
I am sure You would not have cause of  
regret.

I cannot by letter state all the  
strong reasons why Your Lordship should  
subscribe. In this I hope You will follow  
the dictates of your own mind & not  
yield to others with a less delicate sense  
of honor. I remain,

My Lord

Your most obedient servt.

Pat. Matthew

The Right Hon  
Lord Kinnaird.

MS100/2/B0674

Pat. Matthew

6th Nov 1860  
Gourdie Hill. Nov. 6/60.

My Lord,

Inclosed is a statement of the  
intended procedure of the Right of Way  
Association, which You will observe is quite  
in accord with Your expressed sentiments  
regarding how it should act. I am the  
more inclined to expect Your Lordship's  
aid as it is materially a non-property class  
object — to protect the rights of those who  
are scarcely able to protect their own.

In the case of a privileged Order, with  
extended appropriation of Earth's surface,  
they are more especially obligated to protect  
the little that remains of Nature's Wealth  
to those Her disinherited Children — the  
right to have access to & to look upon the  
grand Temple of Nature, with all its sur-  
rounding

& dissolving pictures of existence

Your Lordship is aware that many of the public walks around Dundee have been seized upon by the grasping neighbouring proprietary & having succeeded in appropriating them, unless unchecked, the rapine will go on, till none of the old paths & public grounds remain. Is it not then our duty to use all legal means of protection to those still remaining & to recover what has been stolen. Is it an honest reason for not doing so that it may lead us into an expensive litigation? Are we ~~only~~ to do our duty only when there is no danger or difficulty?

Should these paltry annexes lead us into expense & litigation, theirs be the blame.

It is in the face of danger & difficulty - were there indeed danger & difficulty, that our duty becomes more onerous. It is however our duty to accomplish our purpose

with as little injury & trouble to ourselves & others as possible, & my reason for asking Your Lordship to take a lead in the Society is with a view from Your influence to accomplish our purpose more easily. Some may think it absurd for you to subscribe funds, to be, if possible, expended in causing the Dundee & Perth Railway Co. to form a path external to the line, from the Magdalene Green westward to the rough ground where the line does not interfere to stop the right of way. Still such an injustice requires to be done. It is the general law of the land that no erection should blockade the right of way along the shores of seas & Firths open to navigation, & no private Bill of Parliament can set aside a general law. I trust the unfortunate position will have no influence upon Your Lordship - that you will assist in procuring justice to the poor man, tho at