

individuals. If his Lordship was aware of this most horrible and heartless conduct on the part of his Irish agents, and he one of the Ministers of the Crown, I dare not say what he would deserve. But that charity, my Lord, which "thinketh no evil," would teach me to hope that a nobleman of England, high in the confidence of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and sharing in the honourable administrations of her Government, could not so far forget that duty which he owed to God, his Sovereign, and his country ; but that it was the wanton and unauthorised act of worthless and unprincipled hirelings, in whose bosoms every principle of humanity and every germ of mercy had become totally extinct.

Many thousands of these unhappy beings have fallen victims to that cruel system of marine imprisonment which, in crowded vessels and the impure atmosphere of twixt decks, induces contagion and produces that endemial disease which so rapidly spreads over the mass of its congregated victims. Vast multitudes have died on the passage out, while a still greater proportion of them have reached our shores in such a sickly and debilitated state as to defy the penetration of medical skill, and to find wholly unavailing all the attentions and nursing care of their humane and faithful attendants. They landed on our shores only to find an early