

Ireland and Scotland, to Canada, the greater part were sent off by the extensive landed proprietors of Ireland and their agents. I beg leave most respectfully to state to your Lordship that in the frequent intercourse had with the emigrants, I took occasion to question the adult portion of them, particularly the heads of families, as to the individuals under whose authority and direction they had been permitted to embark in such a defenceless and unprotected condition. The answer invariably was, that it had been done by one or the other of the parties above mentioned. When blamed for going on board those vessels, in which they sailed in such a state of debility and want, they gave for answer, that they were starving at home, and were induced to that step by being promised many advantages, which they had never realized. For instance, there have been this year about one thousand persons shipped off by the agents of Lord Palmerston, who not only promised them clothes, but they were assured that his Lordship had agents at Quebec, to whom instructions had been sent to pay them all from £2 to £5 each family, according to their numbers. On their arrival, however, no agents of his Lordship were to be found; and they were then thrown upon the bounty of the Government here, and the charitable donations of private