

It is also much to be regretted, that amongst the destitute, though probably deserving emigrants, there should be sent hither characters of the worst description, not under the name of *honest voluntary emigrants*, but *self-reputed criminals supplied and sent here by the Police of Ireland!* several cases of which occurred during the present season.

That a continuance of this practice will engender a strong feeling amongst all classes of society here against the body of emigrants is beyond doubt, whilst its moral consequences to the province will be felt now and hereafter, nor can we be surprised that a prejudice should arise, when we behold the increase of crime here, and that in the long list of criminals on the sheriff's calendar at the last assizes held here, the name of only one native of the province was found.

On the part of the ship-owners carrying passengers in the present depressed state of navigation, it must be said, that the unlimited number which they may take on board, and the rate of passage-money which they pay, hold forth strong temptations for them to employ their vessels in the trade; but the advantages they may derive from its prosecution under its *unrestrained* character, will only prove the means of extending the misery of our unfortunate fellow-creatures.

(signed) *A. Wedderburn,*  
Sec<sup>r</sup> to St. John Agricultural and  
Emigrant Society.

Saint Andrew's, 1st August 1827.

My dear Sir,

Enclosure  
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It was only on the 30th ultimo that I received your esteemed favour of the 20th. I rejoice to find that the subject of the treatment of emigrants on the late relaxed principles of transportation has attracted the attention of His Majesty's Government. Viewing the subject as I do, as one of great importance, affecting the health, comfort and safety of so many unfortunate, and I was going to add (but your communication proves the contrary) unprotected and disregarded human beings.

I do not apprehend that from the new system much injury will arise amongst such passengers as may arrive in regular established traders, where the masters have an interest in maintaining a character for humanity and attention to the cleanliness, health and comfort of those intrusted to their charge; but more than one half of the emigrants come out in transient vessels, chartered for the express purpose of making money, by men reckless of character or consequences, so long as they suppose the law will not reach them.

The brig William Henry, owned by N. Marks of St. Stephen, but chartered by a Dublin house, arrived here last month with 250 passengers (from Dublin), had no surgeon, and insufficient supply of provisions and bad water. Their sufferings were dreadful—of the number, 39 are chargeable to this parish, two have died, and others are not considered out of danger. This is a glaring instance of the evils arising from the new system, and it is not a solitary one, although the most prominent at this port. At Halifax, still greater misery has been exhibited, and from similar causes. I had omitted to state, that a large proportion of the passengers per William Henry are of the most useless description, mere beggars, squalid, loathsome, dejected; I trust in God, and I feel confident, that the paternal and watchful care of His Majesty's Government is such, that no vessel will hereafter be permitted to leave the United Kingdom with passengers, without a minute and careful investigation that they are provided with medical aid, wholesome provisions and water, adequate to their probable necessities; and also, that the vessels shall not be too much crowded.

I feel confident, that the accounts you may receive from St. John, will substantially accord with my statement.

I am, with much esteem, &c.

(signed) *Peter Stuls,*  
Secretary of the Charlotte County Agricultural  
and Emigrant Society.

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