

and though *they* could not convey the sacred grace of regeneration in the office of baptism, yet this service might be left to some *itinerant priest*, who could christen the children by groups; and so the whole matter might very easily be adjusted, without the aid of meddling, obtruding, and unlettered Methodist missionaries.

In such minute and important detail as the above, it would be highly criminal to omit to notice those spiritual services, in some cases, performed by Magistrates, sometimes by Merchants, and even by the Planters and Fishermen.\* For if the Marriage and Burial services, were not sometimes performed by such gentlemen, the living must remain single and the dead unburied.

FROM the above statement, is it possible that the reader should draw an unfavourable conclusion on the *Moral state of Newfoundland*?—It is admitted that this Appendix was at first undertaken with an impression rather unfriendly to such a conclusion, but the sudden turn given to our detail, and the new drift of our argument, have brought us to see, what perhaps we should otherwise have been too prejudiced to have observed. In winding up these statements and remarks, it may not be amiss to give a brief syllabus of the foregoing relation. We have seen that the spiritual lack of the people of Newfoundland is supplied by professing Christians of several denominations; of the English Church there are four Clergymen, assisted in some of the Out-harbours by the humble, but well-intended labours of the good School-Masters, appointed more especially to instruct the rising race. Of the Catholic Church, there are twelve Chapels, with a Bishop and a proportionate number of Priests. The Congrega-

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\* It is said, that there is still living a couple in one of the out-harbours, which was married, I suppose, by one of these learned Chaplains, for in the celebration of the nuptials this son of St. Peter read the BURIAL, instead of the Marriage, Service. However, this little blunder produced no very great evil, for the parties have lived to a great age, and have seen a numerous progeny.