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which a large body of tenants from your estates in Ireland had been shipped in the brig "Governor," and respecting the state in which they had reached Canada. More than a tenth of their number, it will be observed, had died already, and as many more were removed into hospital, sick. There is reason to believe that the present case forms an exception to the general character of this year's immigration into British North America. Having no distinct knowledge whether those tenants were sent by your aid or with your authority, but feeling confident that in that case you could not approve of their being forwarded in such a condition, Lord Grey has felt it due to you to put you in possession of these facts, and to mention that experience has clearly proved that to despatch people in the miserable state in which these passengers sailed, involves the almost certain destruction of a large proportion of their numbers by pestilence.

Colonel Wyndham,
&c. &c.

I have, &c.
(Signed) B. HAWES.

No. 3.

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COPY of a LETTER from Colonel WYNDHAM to B. HAWES, Esq.

10, Grosvenor Place, July 1, 1848.
(Received July 3, 1848.)

SIR,

I RECEIVED your letter of the 22nd ult., with its enclosure from Dr. Douglas. I referred both to my agent in Ireland, and I beg to forward to you his explanation. I can forward the original letter if you wish it, but there are other subjects mentioned.

B. Hawes, Esq.,
&c. &c.

I am, &c.
J. WYNDHAM.

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Enclosure in No. 3.

DEAR SIR,

Ennis, June 29, 1848.

I return you herewith the extract of Dr. Douglas's letter, as also that of Mr. Hawes, respecting the emigrants sent out in the "Governor;" these people in fact were not your tenants, they were a parcel of people put on the lands of Erribule by the late Mr. Barclay, in direct opposition to the covenants in his lease, and on your evicting Mr. Barclay for non-payment of rent, these emigrants came here, requesting to be sent to America; you were but a few days in possession of the land at the time. With respect to their supply of provisions, it was the same as all the others had whom you sent out, and double the quantity of that supplied in the ordinary way to other passengers. Before I wrote this I went to Limerick to make inquiry at Mr. Spaight's lest there might be any omission in giving the supply, and found all as I have stated, and also that an additional quantity of rice, which I had advised in case of illness, was added to their sea-store; and, as a further proof of the sufficiency, I yesterday received a letter from the captain of the vessel, in which he states that a large supply of food remains, for which he could not procure sale at Quebec, and will bring it back to Limerick. The number of passengers on board, I suppose, could not exceed what the law permits, but as to their illness, I cannot see how you or any other person can be accountable: they were inspected by a doctor before sailing, who reported them in good health, and so certified, and this doctor accompanied them to Quebec. As to their clothing, the few who applied to me I supplied; there was no demand for beds or bedding, in general they bring such with them. The extra provisions for these people in the "Governor" cost you 151*l.* 5*s.*; for their passage 484*l.*; and money on landing 72*l.* 5*s.*; total for this ship, 707*l.* 10*s.* As to the statement of these people that their food for the last two years was principally nettle-tops, &c., I do not credit it; I am well aware how they exaggerate, not doubting, however, that they have been very badly off for some time.

Colonel Wyndham.

(Signed)

I remain, &c.
THOS. CROWE.

No. 4.

(No. 249.)

No. 4.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Earl GREY to Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, July 5, 1848.

WITH reference to your Lordship's Despatch, No. 61, of May 22, accompanied by a Report from Dr. Douglas on the state in which certain tenants from Colonel Wyndham's estates in Ireland arrived in the "Governor," I have