

ten and said so much upon this subject, that, from the very attempts to throw in light, it has become marvellously mystified and confused. Neither is it to be concealed that considerable and conflicting difficulties exist, though it is believed and hoped, none which patient investigation and a liberal policy may not overcome. It may be reasonably assumed, that parishes distressed by rates will readily concur in a fair and final composition, which is to free them from a heavy and a growing annual charge. Government, on the other hand, by receiving such funds, and making simple and economical arrangements, may not only relieve the pressure at home, but will also confer happiness and independence upon those who have unhappily occasioned the distress. Neither does it seem necessary to open the public purse for this desirable object; on the contrary, by a judicious selection of settlements, and reserving lots of government-lands adjoining those devoted to emigrants, there can be little doubt that, in a few years, considerable sales may be effected. The man who finds himself and family comfortably and conveniently settled upon fifty or an hundred acres, will ere long be willing and able to pay for a like quantity, which has been left along-side of his farm, and in this way Government may be amply reimbursed.

In regard to the question of place, Upper Canada would seem, on many accounts, to be most appropriate; nor can I bring myself, for a moment, to put Tasmania, New Holland, &c. in competition, however high the eulogiums which my respected friend the Editor of the Journal of Agriculture has passed upon Australasia. A pestilential and impure moral atmosphere hangs over these colonies, which will require a very long period to dispel; and although this can be certainly best effected by a wholesome infusion of character from home, it must prove a heavy sacrifice to those individuals, who undertake the task. The climate, the soil, the accessibility of North America, with various other circumstances, offer nearly an assurance of success. The experiments hitherto made by Government, in those colonies, although far indeed from having failed, might certainly have been conducted in a more satisfactory and economical manner.

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