

The population has encreased very much, and is still increasing. The practice of dividing land among children is quite prevalent. The number of people employed is not large. There is a great want of labour in the country, and they cannot get employment.

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The population very far exceeds any demand for its labour: considerable distress is the consequence: I carried on extensive works last year; hundreds flocked in to obtain occupation; many of them had not tasted food for two days previously; and, when at work, my steward informed me, that the generality of them were so weak, that I should be necessitated to feed them, which I did for six weeks, before they could execute men's work.

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On one estate of mine, consisting of 1100 acres, there were not above half a dozen individuals living on the lands when they were let, when they fell into my hands at the expiration of fifty or sixty years, there were six or seven hundred.

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"In the county of Limerick, the county of Kerry, and parts of the counties of Clare and Cork, I consider the necessity of acting upon such a system (i. e. of clearing and remodelling estates) to be universally admitted, and the system to be in progress or carried into effect in every case in which it is possible for the proprietor to attain such object."

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