

of Canada. A large number of our humane, wealthy, and distinguished citizens both of the Clergy and Laity, in various sections of the Province have sacrificed their useful and valuable lives in their efforts to relieve the distresses, and comfort the last hours of the sick and the dying. Such, my Lord, has been the result of emigration during the present year; and viewing the disastrous consequences which have followed in its train, I would respectfully demand of your Lordship, to what cause are we to attribute those evils which have been here so feebly depicted? How has it happened that whilst in former years when no extraordinary distress existed Parliament felt compelled to lay down regulations for vessels engaged in the business of transporting emigrants, and Her Majesty's Government appointed Agents at all the Emigrant Ports; and now when emigration has ceased to be of a healthy character, and increased vigilance and more active measures are required both on the part of Her Majesty's Government and the Provincial Parliament of the Province, no such precautions are deemed expedient? The necessary instructions, and the terms for receiving the emigrants on board of those ships which are offered as a conveyance is now left, it would seem, entirely to the cupidity and despotic cruelty of the