

GUIDE FOR EMIGRANTS,

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CHAPTER I.

THE VOYAGE.

On Sunday, 1st of May, 1831, we left Limerick in the brig *Agness*, Captain D. Gorman. There were rather more than 200 souls on board, all of whom arrived in Quebec, except an "old woman of eighty" and an infant. Previous to landing, the passengers drew up an address, highly complimentary to their Captain; and though, for aught I know, such a proceeding may be usual on occasions of the kind, it was, in this instance, well and truly merited. I believe Captain G. to be a good seaman, and am confident of his being a good and kind-hearted man: one who will not only feel a warm interest in the safety and comfort of every person on board his ship, but who will take the best and surest means to secure both. I shall only add, that if I knew of any of my friends in Ireland who were coming over to Canada, I would say to them, "Endeavour to secure a passage with Dan Gorman."

It would answer little purpose, beside that of swelling this volume, to detail the incidents of our voyage. We had, I believe, the usual quantum of sea-sickness,—rough and fair weather,—with a couple of fine cod hooked on "the banks."

There is, however, one circumstance which I cannot pass over; it will afford the intemperate a useful, though an awful warning, and to every one an instructive instance of the weakness of human nature. Among our