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RELATIVE TO

EMIGRATION TO THE BRITISH PROVINCES IN NORTH
AMERICA.

CANADA.

(No. 61.)

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

Government House Montreal, May 22, 1848.

(Received June 15, 1848.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith an extract of a letter from Dr. Douglas, the Superintendent of the Quarantine Establishment at Quebec, and to request your Lordship's attention to the account contained in it of the condition of the emigrants on board the brig "Governor," from Limerick.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ELGIN and KINCARDINE.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

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EXTRACT from LETTER from Dr. DOUGLAS, Medical Superintendent, Grosse Isle,
May 16, 1848.

"I cannot avoid bringing under the notice of his Excellency the Governor-General the wretched state in which the majority of the passengers of the brig "Governor" have been sent from Limerick. This vessel cleared with 174 souls, 120 of whom were tenants from the estates of Colonel Wyndham; these people were huddled on board, almost destitute of clothing and without beds and bedding, the captain having furnished many of the women and children with spare sails to cover them. Their sole provision has consisted, during the voyage, of the ship's allowance of biscuit, with a small quantity of tea and sugar. A great number of them have assured the master and surgeon that their sole subsistence for two years previous to leaving was green food—turnips, nettle-tops, &c., with a chance and precarious supply of Indian corn-meal.

"I feel persuaded, from the great care and attention, and the liberal supply of animal food and medical comforts which I have seen supplied many years to the tenants sent out from the estates in Norfolk of Colonel Wyndham and his father the late Earl of Egremont, that Colonel Wyndham is not personally acquainted with the manner in which these people have been cleared from his Irish estates by this vessel. So wretched, diseased, and miserable were they even on embarking in port, that Captain Hugill, the master, assures me that if he had not been despatched immediately, he would have re-larded every one, or left the vessel himself.

"Out of 174 who left, 20 have died up to last night, and as many more are sent to hospital."

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

SIR,

Downing Street, June 22, 1848.

I AM directed by Earl Grey to transmit to you, for your information, the enclosed copy of a report addressed to the Governor-General of Canada by the Medical Superintendent at the quarantine station, respecting the condition in