

or shew more decision and method in the employment of means for its suppression, that it is in vain to rely upon any consistent aid being received from the Captain of the single ship appointed to protect the entire fishings of Newfoundland and Labrador"—P. 14.

The facts and evidence now submitted, will, we trust, render needless any further references to authorities, to support the assertion that these countries possess ample resources for the support and beneficial employment of a population. It remains only before we conclude, that we point out in a few words their special adaptation to the objects of a Penal Settlement. For this purpose they appear to us to combine every requisite that can be desired—proximity to this country and readiness of access, being, as compared with Australia or Van Diemen's Land, at our very door;—a healthy climate—no means of escape—no population with whose interests or occupations the advent of convicts would interfere; and lastly, a territory fitted by its great natural advantages to become the home of a vigorous and enterprising race, and which being in great part deserted by its ancient inhabitants, is already left free to the civilizing influences of the axe and the plough. The great extent of the country, and the various fields of useful occupation it affords, will be found favourable, at the same time, to the application of a regulated scale of punishments, on the system of a classification of labour, proportioned in severity to the nature of the crime, and the subsequent good conduct of the offender. The better class of convicts, whose promise of reformation and future usefulness may have entitled them to the indulgence, might, for example, be employed in raising agricultural and other produce for the support of the general establishment; others again in the various processes connected with the prosecution of the fisheries; a third class might be set to labour on the portages, and in removing the obstructions to the navigation of the rivers in various parts of the country; and a fourth might be assigned to the Mining