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ture, &c., and to the best of this Deponent's knowledge, information, and belief, Reilly must have had at least six pounds when he sailed in the ship "Superior" from the Quay of Londonderry, and that his statement of total destitution is a fabrication.

Deponent declares that it is totally untrue that he promised said Reilly shoes for his wife, or made any promise whatever of clothing for either himself or family; and that he was well aware that although said Reilly travelled in worn-out, patched clothes, that he had a good suit in his box; and that said Reilly behaved most improperly on the way from Ballyconnell to Derry, he and another having excited the minds of certain persons against Deponent and his party, and that he had much difficulty in proceeding with the Emigrants, as said Reilly was anxious to raise a riot on the road, and break up the party by getting this Deponent and others beaten: Deponent denies that it is true that said Reilly and children were in the state represented by him, and that he (this Deponent) caused to be conveyed to Londonderry, and put on board the "Superior," the bed and bedding of said Reilly, as well as of all the other Emigrants: That Deponent provided for the wants of the Emigrants, and put on board the "Superior" a sufficient supply for ten weeks for each of water and Indian meal, the latter having been provided by the direction of Mr. Cooke, to whom the "Superior" belonged, and who told this Deponent that all of Dr. Collins' Emigrants had been sufficiently provided with sea-stores, consisting of tea, sugar, pork, in addition to meal, &c.

Deponent declares, that said Reilly has been through life a discontented, complaining, ill-disposed person; and that, from his conduct in the town of Strabane, he was apprehensive that he would have received personal injury, and was obliged to threaten him and others to hand them over to the police authorities, which fortunately were near, and prevented further disturbance.

Taken, acknowledged before me the 21st day of December, at Ballyconnell, Ireland, in the year of our Lord 1847.

(Signed) JOSEPH BENISON, J. P.

(Signed) Hugh Quin.

(Copy.)

Counties of Cavan } To wit:
and Fermanagh.

Jarrell Kennan, of Kenkeen, County of Leitrim, came before me, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for said Counties, and having been duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, deponeth,—That the affidavit made by Bryan Prior, late of Curraghtewtry, County of Leitrim, is for the most part without foundation: that said Prior had not five acres of land to surrender the possession of, but only about three, rent for which, for several years, he had never paid, although the utmost kindness had been extended to him by having *his land cropped for him*, also by giving him a cow with the hope of bettering his condition, but that every effort to enable him to better his condition failed, and that said Prior had made many applications for a passage to Quebec without success, and that it was only on the morning of the day when the Emigrants started for Londonderry, that he, this Deponent, consented to allow the said Prior to proceed, he having previously declared, that if refused he would at all hazards follow them, the Emigrants, to Londonderry, in the hope of getting a passage.

That it is totally untrue that Mr. Benison had made any promise whatever to said Prior, that on giving up his land he would receive immediate relief, but that the Relief Committee of the District, with the Committee of Finance and Government Inspector, had made themselves acquainted with the condition of each claimant, and according to their condition and means, and the quantity of land held by each, struck many off their lists, and that Deponent is aware, being a member of that Committee himself, that Mr. Benison had interfered in his behalf with the Committee. That the possession of said Prior's land was forced upon this Deponent, and only taken at the urgent request of Prior by this Deponent, on the morning the Emigrants left for Londonderry.

That Deponent states that the family of Prior were put upon the relief list, and have since gone into the work-house.

Taken and acknowledged before me, this 21st day of December, 1847.

(Signed,) JARRELL KENNAN.

(Signed,) JOSEPH BENISON,
J. P.

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No. 165.

DOWNING STREET,
2d Feb. 1848.

My Lord,

I shall take an early opportunity of again addressing your Lordship upon the general subject of the Minute of the Executive Council dated the 8th of December, respecting the distress caused by the Emigration of last year. In the meantime, having called upon the Commissioners of Emigration for any remarks which they might have to offer in the case of the ship "Virginus," which is alluded to in the Minute of Council, I enclose, for your Lordship's information, an extract from a Report of the Commissioners, containing such information as they had obtained on this case.

I have, &c.,
(Signed,) GREY.

Governor,
The Right Honorable
The EARL of ELGIN and KINCARDINE,
&c. &c. &c.

Extract from a Report of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, dated 15th January, 1848.

"We have stated that, as far as we know, the Emigration Officers at the out-ports, acting on instructions from this Board, insisted on the re-landing of all passengers who after embarkation were found to be suffering under infectious or contagious disease. We observe, however, that the Executive Council quote, from a Report by Dr. Douglas, the case of the ship "Virginus," which is said to have had fever and dysentery on board when she left the Mersey. This was the first intimation we had received of such a case, and we immediately called upon the Emigration Agent at Liverpool to report whether the statement were correct, and if so, upon what ground he had allowed the "Virginus" to proceed under such cir-

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