

labourers, the scheme, I hope, would be found both prudent and salutary. Those who are fit for going abroad, might by this plan be enabled, and would, I have no doubt, find their industry and exertions well remunerated there, for which at home they could not find sufficient employment or an adequate reward; and those who remain at home would find themselves no losers for giving a little help to encourage others to go abroad. I would advise those great land proprietors who are intending to break up their small farms in order to form large ones, likewise to lend their helping hand; and those of their small tenants or cotters, for whom it would be imprudent to emigrate, I would advise in this case the grant of small lots of land, in suitable corners, at reasonable rents, where they might keep a cow, and with a little assistance erect themselves neat and comfortable houses to dwell in. These miniature farms and cottages, if handsomely done up, would derogate nothing from the beauty and ornament of their estates, * nor their inmates, if virtuous and industrious, from the comfort or conveniency of themselves or their larger tenants. But if they persist in sweeping them from their estates in the country, like useless lumber, regardless where they shall find a house to hide their heads in, where shall they go to but to the neighbouring towns, where they can have no means of living comfortably, and where their children will be much exposed to a school of vice, which may cause them at a future period, to become the

* It must prove highly gratifying to the feelings of every real philanthropist, when travelling along the road, and surveying the splendid hall of the Lord of the Manor— the more modest but commodious steading of the extensive farmer— next to cast his eyes upon the clean and comfortable cabin of the humble cottager, with a small inclosure of land attached to it, capable of yielding a portion of these essential comforts of life to a family, namely, milk, meal, and potatoes. Such a person will be ready to exclaim, “ Here is a spot of earth, the property of one who has wisely considered the case of the poor, and therefore falls heir to the promise of being blessed, and the humble occupants, though poor, must have something commendable about them, for they have been highly favoured of their kind and considerate Master !”

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