

and experience, the ISLAND of PRINCE EDWARD, which affords a most advantageous opening for emigration, is situated in the centre of the British American Colonies, and I have heard it emphatically termed, a "*Diamond in the centre of the British American Possessions.*" There is indeed a short account of it in a very respectable publication, "*The European Magazine,*" for January, 1819, and as I entirely concur with the candid author of that narrative, as far as it goes, I shall insert it in this tract, adding some other information, as I think necessary; but before I relate what I have further to say respecting that colony, I shall make some observations on others, beginning with the

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On the subject of that country it is not necessary to say much; it has been properly said, "the tide of emigration has turned;" the privations, the distress, and misery, which our countrymen have suffered in that grossly-misrepresented region have resounded from all quarters, and the numerous living witnesses that have been so fortunate as to reach their native country, whilst they detail their own hardships, bear testimony of the number of their unfortunate countrymen who have perished under every afflicting circumstance of want, exhausted strength, and disease. Amongst the accounts the following have lately appeared in the public prints.

From the Public Ledger, 7th Oct. 1819.

"Distress in the United States.—It is estimated there are 20,000 persons daily seeking employment in Philadelphia, and nearly 10,000 wandering the streets daily, looking after it, and if we add too the women, the account cannot be less than 20,000."

Public Ledger, 8th Oct. 1819.

"Emigration to America.—A *Waterford* paper says, The ship *Margaret*, D. S. Ayden, of and from New York, bound to Liverpool, out twenty-two days, was boarded off *Waterford* harbour, on Saturday, by the *Caroline* pilot boat. She had on board upwards of 100 passengers, some accounts say 180, the principal part of whom were persons who went out to America in the last Spring, in hopes of bettering their condition, but who have been sadly disappointed in their expectations. They landed sixteen, who on Monday passed through this city, they give a dreadful account, and represent emigrants from this country in a most deplorable state. Thousands are prevented from returning from the want of means to their passage; fifty *Carlisle* weavers returned for want of work."